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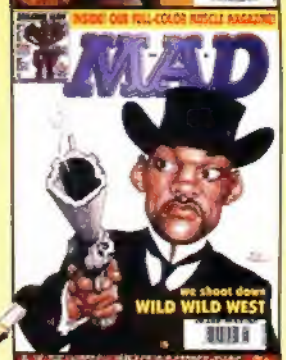

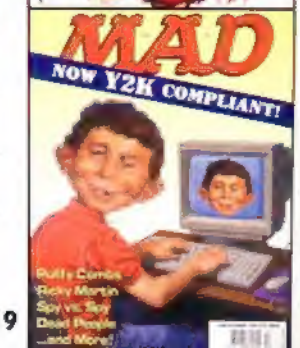

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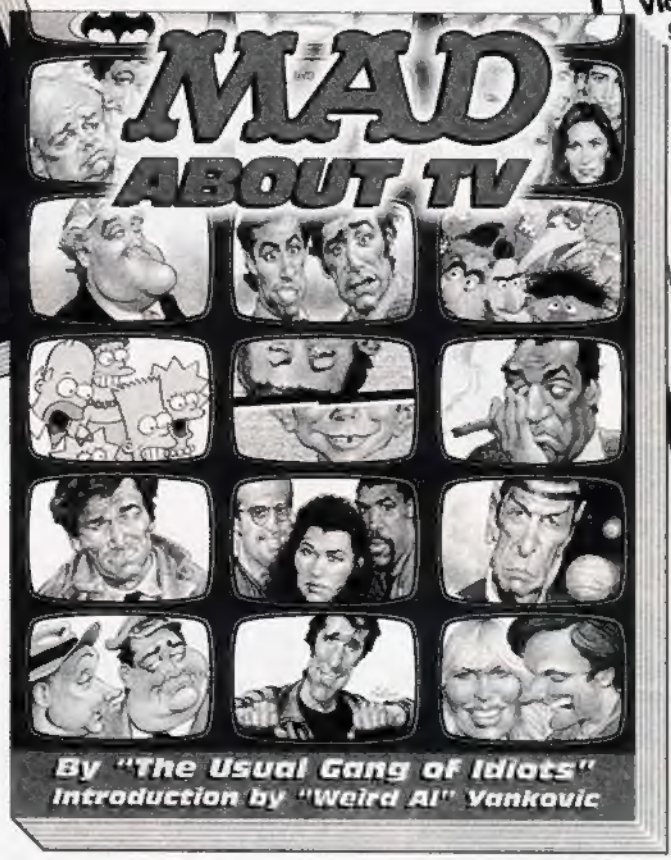

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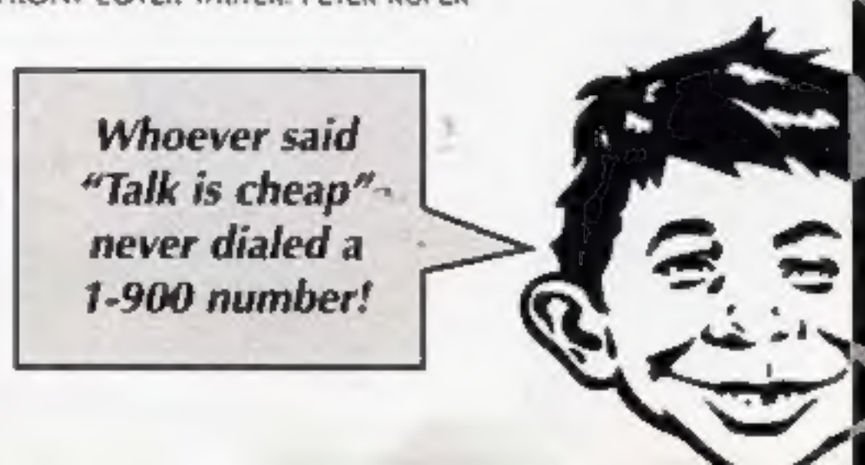

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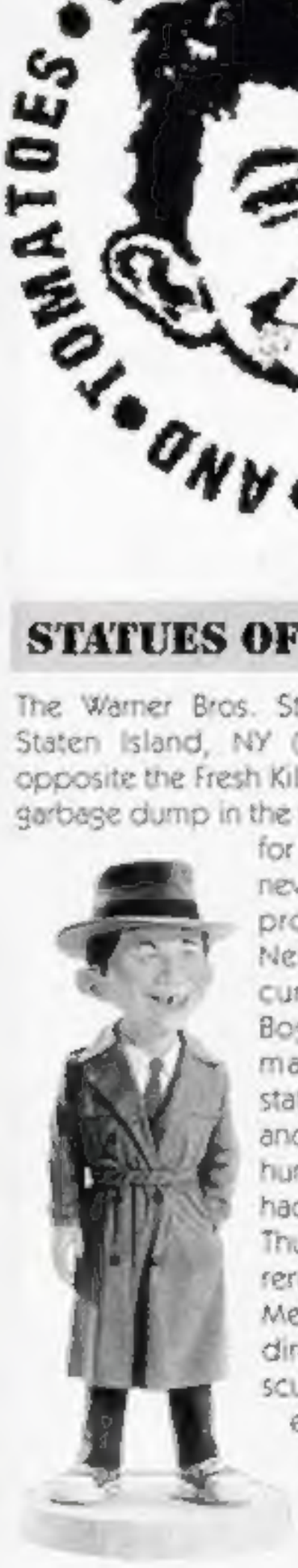
STATUES OF LIMITATIONS

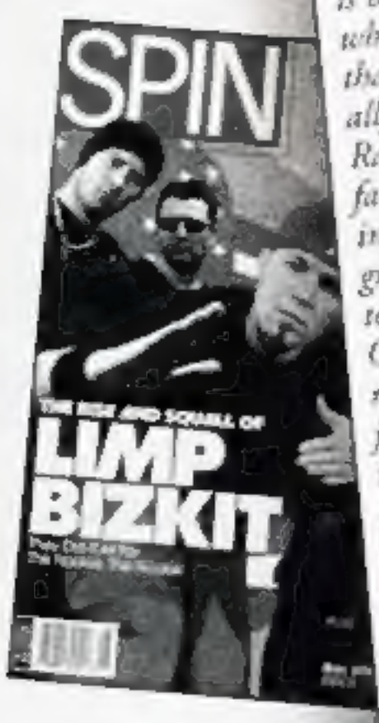
The Warner Bros. Studio Store on scenic Staten Island, NY (conveniently located opposite the Fresh Kills landfill — the largest garbage dump in the world!) was the setting for the unveiling of two new limited edition MAD products: An Alfred E. Neuman statue, looking curiously like Humphrey Bogart in *Casablanca*, and matching Spy Vs. Spy statues! On hand to welcome and sign autographs for several hundred MAD fans who sadly had nothing better to do on a Thursday night (*Friends* was still in reruns) were MAD co-editors Nick Meglin and John Ficarra, MAD art director Sam Viviano and Spy Vs. Spy sculptor Tony Cipriano. The statues are exclusive to Warner Bros. Studio Stores around the country, so hurry and get yours now before they end up in the Fresh Kills landfill!



GOOFFELLAS: Cipriano, Ficarra, Meglin, Viviano

THE ANSWER MAD

In yet another installment of our much beloved feature answering letters of other magazines, we give you this pearl from *Spin* magazine's August 1999 issue.



*Frankly, I am disappointed. Do you know what is bothering me? Narcissistic punkrocker critics who constantly put down any band/group/singer that have anything to do with pop music. I personally adore punk music; my favorite band is Rancid. But, do you know what? My second favorite band is 'N Sync! I have reached an impasse on my journey to defend 'N Sync, and groups like them, simply because no one will listen to my logic. Do you ever stop to listen to 'N Sync? Or do you automatically laugh them off? Do you realize they actually have talent? You need to stop judging 'N Sync by their screaming fans (who, most of the time, only worship 'N Sync for their bodies and bleached hair) and start judging them by their actual musical ability, like their true fans do. Just because they happen to have synchronized dance moves does not mean that they aren't good. If 'N Sync, B*Witched, etc. are really that bad, people wouldn't buy their albums, just the posters, so they could look at them. Think about that.*

L.S., Annapolis, MD

L.S. — Ooo, good argument. Americans are well known for not buying crap! It's their insatiable passionate yearning for high quality that's led to the success of: Broadway's *Miss Saigon*, Jenna Elfman, *The Waterboy*, MAD on CD-Rom, MAD on T.V., MAD Magazine, T.G.I. Friday's, *Chicken Soup For The Soul*, *Family Circus* (excluding ones that Billy draws), Sinbad, AOL, Pokémon, Hanson, Richard Simmons' Deal-A-Meal, Richard Simmons' *Sweatin' To the Oldies* and the Hard Rock Cafe! —Ed.

THE MEASURE OF AMANDA

I just love your magazine! So does my dad! I'm 10 years old and I'll be turning 11 the 25th of October. As a faithful reader I buy MAD Magazine as much as I can. Since I love your magazine and I try to buy every issue, I was wondering if you would give me a subscription to your wonderful magazine. Thank you for bringing so much laughter into my life!

Amanda Patton, Indianapolis, IN

Mandy — It's rare that we receive a letter so heartwarming and uplifting as yours. We are enormously grateful and happy that you enjoy reading MAD and we hope you will continue to do so in the future. We were also delighted to learn of your birthday and hope that you had the most special of special days. We only wish we could have been there. As for your request for the free subscription to help celebrate your birthday — no way! —Ed.

Make A Dumb Wish Foundation™

This letter is written for your consideration for the *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation*™. I used to live at Britannia House in Douglas. Last year I moved from room 24 to room 23. Shortly after I moved into room 23 I discovered I had a neighbor living in the hotel opposite who brightened my life during the time she lived there. She had a habit of standing in front of the window in her underwear. I never knew her name or even who she was but she had an effect on me. Naturally I missed her when she moved out before Christmas. I'm not trying to trace her. I daresay if she read this letter it would put her off me anyway. It's just that if somebody brings a bit of happiness into your heart, why not let it be known? You've guessed it, I'm a sad loser, but this is *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation*™.

Ian Ellis, Great Britain

Ian you freakin' bloody English perv — Thanks for your letter, BUT WHAT'S YOUR BLOODY WISH? HERE'S THE DEAL — WHEN YOU WRITE TO THE *Make A Dumb Wish Foundation*™ YOU GOTTA HAVE A DUMB WISH! WE READ YOUR LETTER 12 BLOODY TIMES AND WE COULDN'T FIND A BLOODY WISH! HERE'S OUR WISH, AND IT'S NOT EVEN DUMB! WE WISH THAT WHEN YOU AND OTHER NIMRODS WRITE YOU'D INCLUDE A WISH! Cheerio and God Save The Queen! —The Ed. of Wales.

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THE ED.'S NIFTY FIFTY

In order to celebrate the new millennium, we have created the *Ed.'s Nifty Fifty*™ Celebrity Snaps wish list for the year 2000! If we print your photo of any of the following celebrities holding an issue of MAD, you will receive a three-year subscription and a special secret prize! (Photos cannot be returned.) And now, without further ado, here's the *Ed.'s Nifty Fifty*™.

The Pope, Ricky Martin, any babe from Friends, *Kobe Bryant, C-Span talking head Brian Lamb (still), Senator Jesse Helms,* Harry Potter *author J.K. Rowling, Bill Gates, Dr. Jack Kevorkian, Bryant Gumbel, Hillary or Chelsea Clinton, Fred Durst of Limp Bizkit, any cast member of* Dawson's Creek, *Oprah, John Malkovich, Pete Rose, James Brown, tennis babe Anna Kournikova, J.D. Salinger, Ron Popeil, any Beatle (living), Harrison Ford, Alan Alda, David Letterman, Zac Hanson, Monica Lewinsky, Linda Tripp, Siegfried and/or Roy, John McLaughlin, the kid from* The Sixth Sense, *Neil Armstrong, any member of The Supreme Court (in their robe), Michael Jordan, Barbra Streisand, Spike Lee, Woody Allen or Soon-Yi, Deepak Chopra, Jerry Lewis, Gary Larson, Kerri Strug, Lisa Marie Presley, any Nobel Prize winner of the last 10 years, Ivana Trump, Michael Buffer, Brandi Chastain (bonus points for no top on), James Carville* and *Mary Matalin and Maya Angelou!*

MAD CELEBRITY SNAPS

Earlier this year, I got a chance to meet our one and only Jerry Springer. He is in the issue he is holding ("MAD Celebrity Cause-of-Death Betting Odds" issue #372). I hope this qualifies me for a three-year-subscription. Sorry it looks like I am sleeping in the picture.

Judy Sang, New York, NY

For sending us the picture of her sleeping with Jerry Springer and an Envelope of the Month, the lovely Judy Sang of New York, NY hits the daily double of the Letters and Tomatoes Dept.! Oo wee, it doesn't get any better than this! Congratulations on your three-year subscription for your Celebrity Snap!

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The Fifth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States declares "No person (shall) be subject for the same offense to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb..." Hopefully, that means the people at Paramount won't write, produce, distribute, and make us suffer through another turkey as bad as...

I'm **Slick Parcels**, a rich and **influential financier!** I'm raising money here to help **underprivileged school kids** by buying expensive **fine art** and hanging it in my **estate!** Then I encourage the underprivileged kids to look at the **paintings** through my **window** once a month for a **culturally uplifting experience!** Call me a **humanitarian**, call me a **softie**...it's just **my nature!**
I'm **Agree**, the Parcels' **best friend!** I work on Slick's **school charity**, too! I'm a **schoolmistress!** I teach at **school**, and do my **mistress duties** whenever Slick's wife **isn't around!**
I'm **Livid Parcels**, Slick's **wife!** Slick said he's going to buy me a **$200,000 sailboat** with some of the **money** he's **raising** tonight! I didn't think that was **ethical**, but Slick said I **earned it** with all the work I did, and I guess **he's right!** I hand wrote all the **nametags** for this fund-raiser! Over **50 of them!** That's in addition to all the **work** I do at **home!** I'm **responsible** for **hiring** our **cooks, maids, gardeners** and **handymen!** But hey, everyone has their **burdens** to bear!
IMPROVING YOUR JOB SKILLS
GORE for PRESIDENT
I'm **Motley**, the **kid!** Having **wealthy parents** means I get a very **healthy allowance**, but I don't spend any of it! I'm saving up to buy a **personality!** With some **expert financial advice**, maybe I can invest some of it and get **myself** a **life!**
I'm Travesty Laymen! I was a **down-and-out lawyer**, but then I got my **act together** and became a **down-and-out probation officer!** I really don't belong in this movie! Many **critics** were asking what the hell I was **thinking** when I agreed to **appear** in this **dreck**, but I can't help myself! I hear the word "**FUGITIVE**" and I **show up!**
I'm Vice-President Al Gore, and I was **roommates** with **Tommy Lee Jones** at Harvard! Why am I **here?** I was asked to break some **bad news** to my **old roomie!** Tommy, don't clear any **space** on the **mantel** for an **Academy Award!** You're **stiffer** in this **flick** than I am in **real life!** Yeah, **THAT stiff!**

DOUBLE JERKERY

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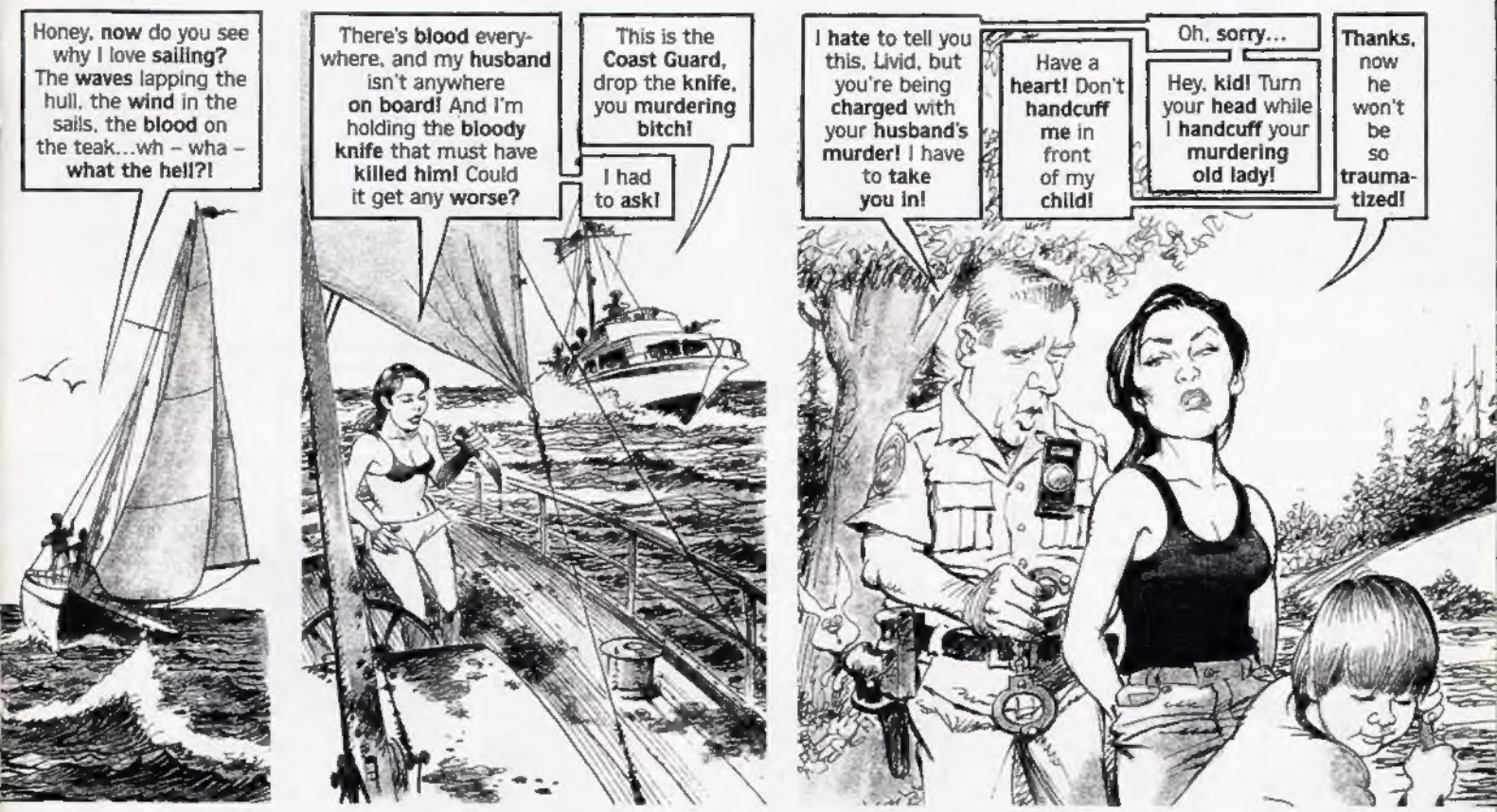
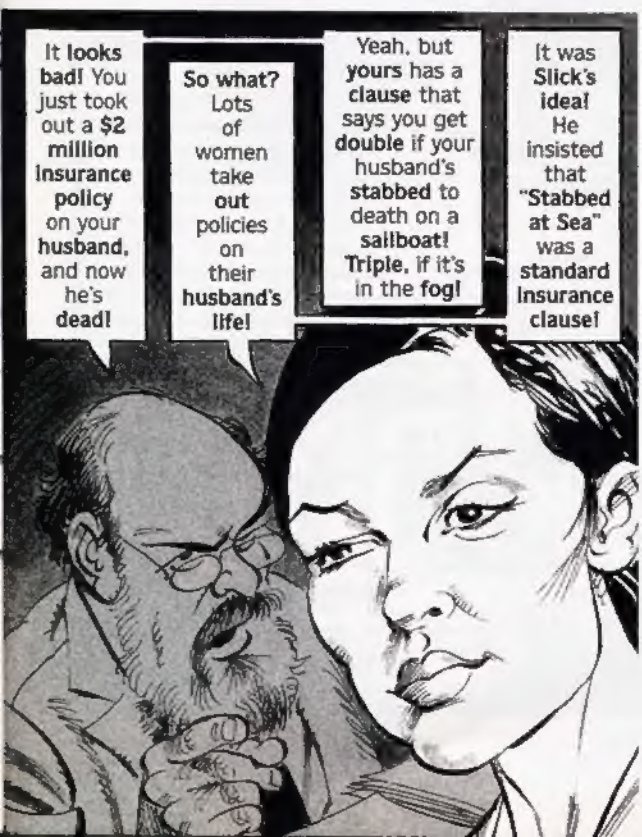
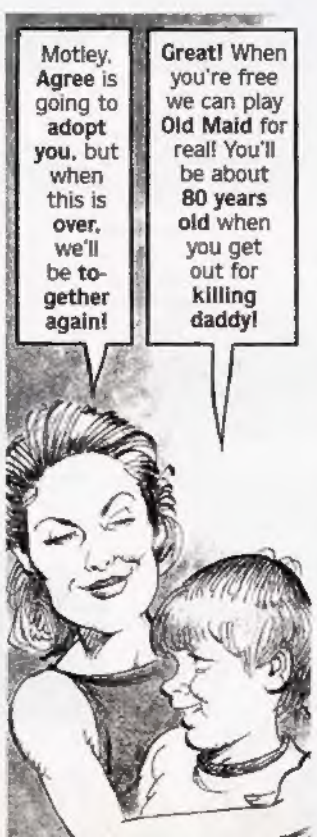
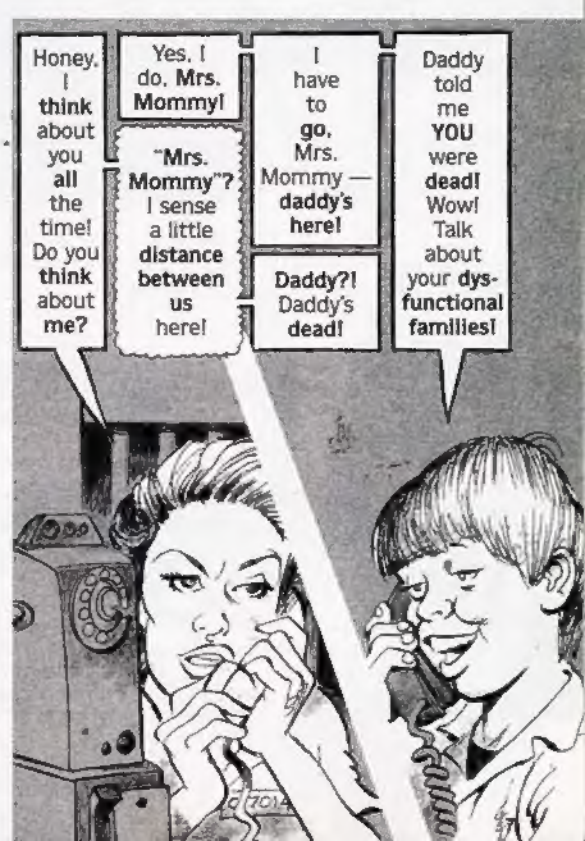

Honey, now do you see why I love sailing? The waves lapping the hull, the wind in the sails, the blood on the teak...wh – wha – what the hell?!
There's blood everywhere, and my husband isn't anywhere on board! And I'm holding the bloody knife that must have killed him! Could it get any worse?
This is the Coast Guard, drop the knife, you murdering bitch!
I had to ask!
I hate to tell you this, Livid, but you're being charged with your husband's murder! I have to take you in!
Have a heart! Don't handcuff me in front of my child!
Oh, sorry...
Hey, kid! Turn your head while I handcuff your murdering old lady!
Thanks, now he won't be so traumatized!


It looks bad! You just took out a $2 million insurance policy on your husband, and now he's dead!
So what? Lots of women take out policies on their husband's life!
Yeah, but yours has a clause that says you get double if your husband's stabbed to death on a sailboat! Triple, if it's in the fog!
It was Slick's idea! He insisted that "Stabbed at Sea" was a standard insurance clause!


Motley, Agree is going to adopt you, but when this is over, we'll be together again!
Great! When you're free we can play Old Maid for real! You'll be about 80 years old when you get out for killing daddy!


Honey, I think about you all the time! Do you think about me?
Yes, I do, Mrs. Mommy!
"Mrs. Mommy"? I sense a little distance between us here!
I have to go, Mrs. Mommy — daddy's here!
Daddy?! Daddy's dead!
Daddy told me YOU were dead! Wow! Talk about your dysfunctional families!

Now I find out my husband's alive! Maybe I should hire a private eye or petition the courts for my release!
No, that makes too much sense! What you should do is exercise for the next six years, and then when you're released, go kill your husband! They can't try you twice for the same crime – that's Double Jeopardy!
Okay, I was with you until the Double Jeopardy part! I never watch TV game shows!
I killed my husband, and I knew it was wrong!
Why should we believe you?
You don't have to believe me! It's me that has to believe me!
Hmm...we have no idea what that means, but on the slim chance it's profound, and not just some crap you made up, we're gonna let you out on probation!
You're here on conditional parole! No drinking, no drugs, no smoking, no sex and no firearms! In other words, no entertainment of any sort! Understand?
No entertainment of any sort? I'm sure the audience watching this movie understands exactly what you mean!
And we have an 8:30 curfew! I run a tight ship here! If you're not in by 8:30, you're confined for a week – in the gas chamber!
You're a troublemaker! You took off looking for your son after I told you not to! I'm not taking any more chances! I'm handcuffing you to this car! Don't think of pulling any tricks, either, because I'm leaving you alone, with the keys in the ignition, while I get some coffee!
Why do you have to leave to get coffee? You told me that flask you're always drinking from was coffee!
FERRY
Boy, I've never seen people in such a rush!
I'll say! We're still a mile from land and they're driving the rest of the way!
You drove my car off the ferry, but I'll still save your life! I know CPR!
Please, no! With your barroom breath, I'd rather drown!
According to some records a friendly car dealer gave me, my friend Agree should live here!
I hate to tell you this, but Agree died in a fire here!
There was a fire in this house?
Not exactly! It was sort of strange! The only thing that caught fire and burned to the ground was Agree! Her husband might have saved her, but there just wasn't enough time to save both her and his expensive paintings!

I tracked down your paintings and they led me to you! And all the time, I was ducking the police!
Why didn't you just tell the police that I'm alive? They would've arrested me, freed you, and given Motley back!
Because I'm determined, not smart! You can keep your wealth, all I want is Motley!
Wow. "not smart" is an understatement! No money, just the bratty kid! Meet me at the cemetery and you can have him! You won't believe how rotten he's become with no mother to teach him right from wrong! It's all your fault!
Are-are y-y-you my son?
No, I'm Cole Sear from The Sixth Sense! I spend all my free time in cemeteries, because I see dead people!
EC CREMATIONS
Where am I? Let's see... I met Slick at the cemetery! He must have knocked me unconscious, and put me in a coffin to die! But if I'm going to die, a coffin is a good place to do it! You know, even with all Slick's faults, he is thoughtful sometimes!
Party's over! For a dead man, you seem pretty lively, Slick!
Ha! My name is no longer Slick, so you can't hold me!
You can change your name, but I've got a copy of your fingerprints!
I also changed my fingerprints! When you're rich, anything's possible!
Damn! We have nothing to hold him with, Livid!
No, I've got something that'll hold him! A couple of bullets in vital places!
Yep, that'll do the trick!
Yay! We're one big, happy family again... um, where's daddy?
You know how I say you should never lie?
Yes!
Well, for a long time your daddy lied! He made people think he was dead!
That's terrible!
Good news! Your daddy just became an honest man...and I pulled the trigger!
Sorry, Livid! Re-killing your husband was fine, but you're going back to jail for driving cars off the ferry, credit card fraud and wrecking school property!
B-b-but who'll take care of my son?
Motley, say hello to your new dad! Whaddya say we go down to the bar and knock back a few to celebrate!

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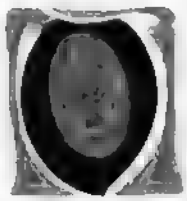
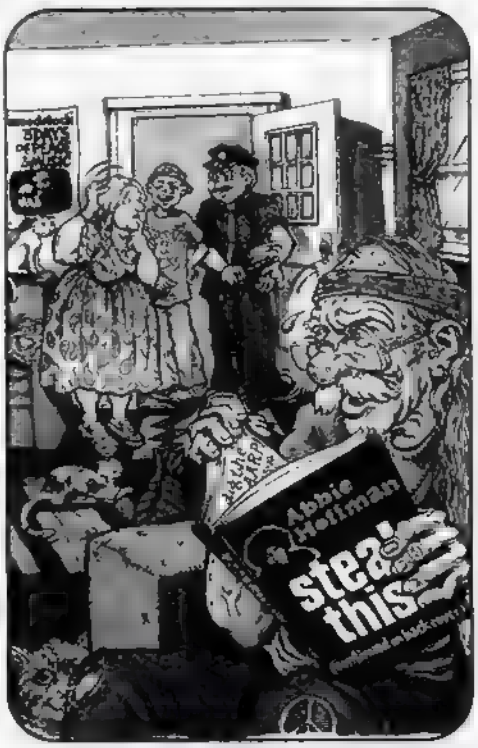


Once upon a time, they truly believed "All you need is love." But yesterday's hippies are today's senior citizens with failing eyesight, arthritic knees and all the aches and pains that come with living too long. Sure, they need love, but what they need even more are these...



Steal This Book

(Large Print Edition)

A myopia-friendly, giant-type version of Abbie Hoffman's yippie classic. In this revised edition, however, the phrase "Off the Pig!" is the title of the chapter that teaches your parents to cut their serum cholesterol level by eliminating pork from their diets. Also available in a special hard-of-hearing audio edition as shouted by The Who's Pete Townshend.

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All we are saying is give pee a chance! These groovy, rainbow-colored diapers let the old folks say, "My love for the sixties is still strong even if my bladder isn't." Tune in, turn on, drop a load!

The Bong-matic 2000 Respiratory System

Have a toke and a smile! After years of wheezing through their marijuana-ravaged lungs, mom and dad can now actually enjoy their breathing disorders. Funky, yet fully functional, this alternative breathing apparatus is handsomely decorated with art by legendary underground cartoonist, R. Crumb.

Adjustable Waterbed

Now YOU can give your parents all the orthopedic benefits of an adjustable hospital bed with all the kinky possibilities of an authentic waterbed. Even if they're too old and sick to actually have sex, this unique bed will transport them back to their wild days (and nights) of endless free love

FOR YOUR HIPPIE PARENTS

Combination Nose-Hair Trimmer/ Roach Clip

At last the old folks can toke up while they spruce up! This one-of-a-kind device is perfect for taking that last precious hit off of a fatty while clipping away those last unsightly nose and ear hairs. It's the ultimate in personal high-giene!

"Easy Rider" Walker

Whether they're going cross-country to see America or cross-town to see their chiropodist, here's the perfect ambulatory accessory for your favorite broken-hipped Hell's Angel! Comes complete with authentic Harley-style handlebars and helmet. 8-track player optional.

Stairmaster to Heaven

Finally, an exercise machine that combines the head-banging sound of heavy metal with the heart-pounding benefit of a heavy workout. The old folks will love climbing the stairs to the classic Led Zeppelin tunes that climbed the charts! With a top speed of 5 mph and a hearing-impaired-friendly top volume of 35,000 decibels, ma and pa may still die of a heart attack but we guarantee they'll go with A Whole Lotta Love!

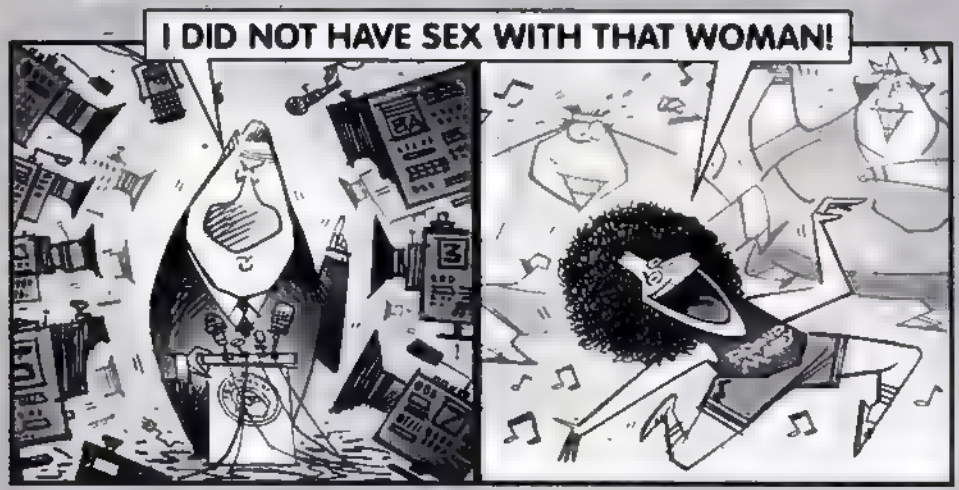
Orthopedic Go-Go Boots

Believe it or not, during the Summer Of Love your mom used to "really get down" on the dance floor. As sure as her arches have fallen, her spirits will be lifted when she slips on a pair of these ultra-hip, podiatrist-approved Go-Go Boots. Available in Nancy Sinatra white vinyl and Mama Cass extra wide

ARTIST: LESLIE STERNBERGH WRITER: JAY LYNCH

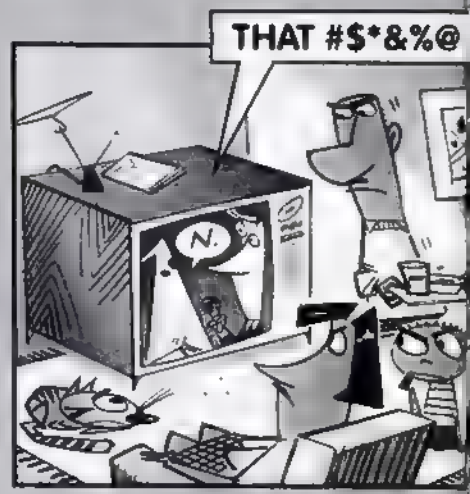
Same magazine, different issue. Same writer, different artist. Same premise, different examples. Here's...

STILL MORE SAME WORDS...

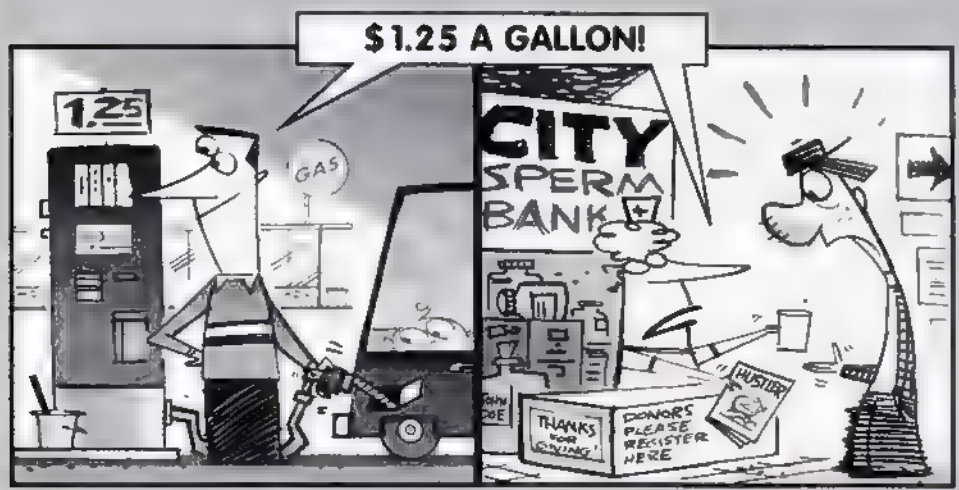


...hard to believe when Bill Clinton says it.

...a much easier sell when Richard Simmons says it!

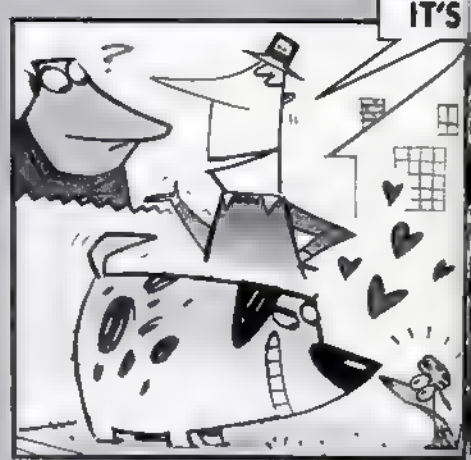


...shocking racist comment when heard on the news.



...pretty good deal at the gas pump.

...very bad deal at the sperm bank!



...welcome news when it's about a neighbor's randy dog.

...good news if you're in the stock market.

...painful news if you're on Viagra!

...photographer, sure.

ARTIST: BOB STAAKE

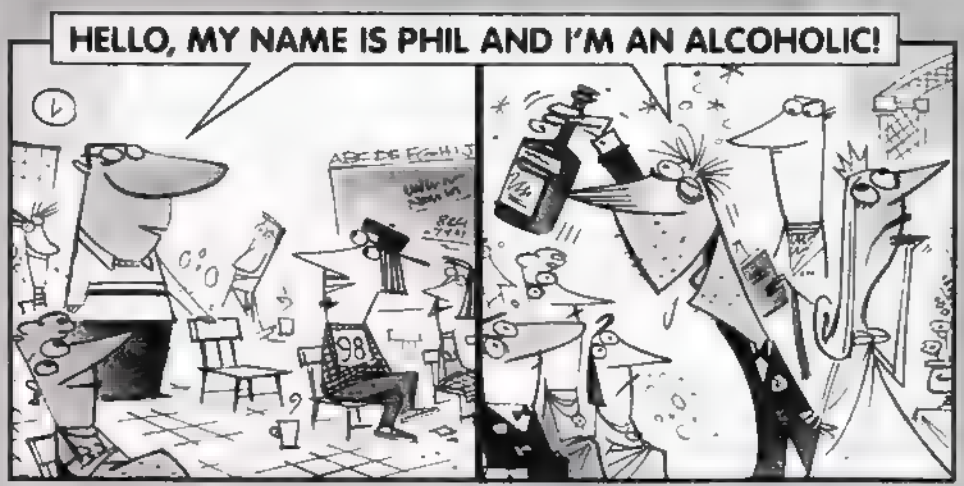
DIFFERENT CIRCUMSTANCES!

...hilarious punch line when heard on an HBO comedy special!

...somewhat expected when a cop recounts a drug bust.

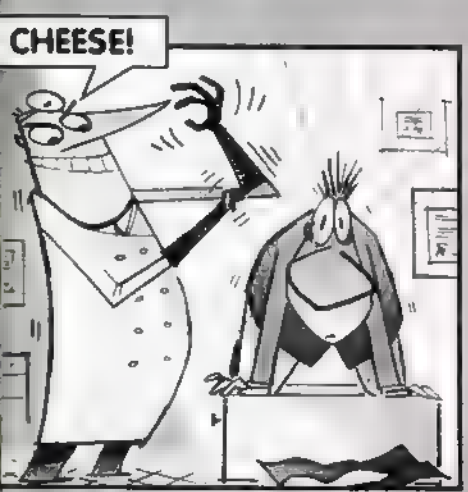
...completely expected when a wife recounts a repairman's visit!

...not so welcome news when it's about the latest Don King fight!



...preferred way to kick off an AA meeting.

...less than choice way to begin a toast at a wedding!



...proctologist, questionable!

..."A national tragedy" when it's the death toll at a school shooting.

..."minimal collateral damage" when it's the death toll from the latest NATO bombing mission!

WRITER: J. PRETE

Montage and...

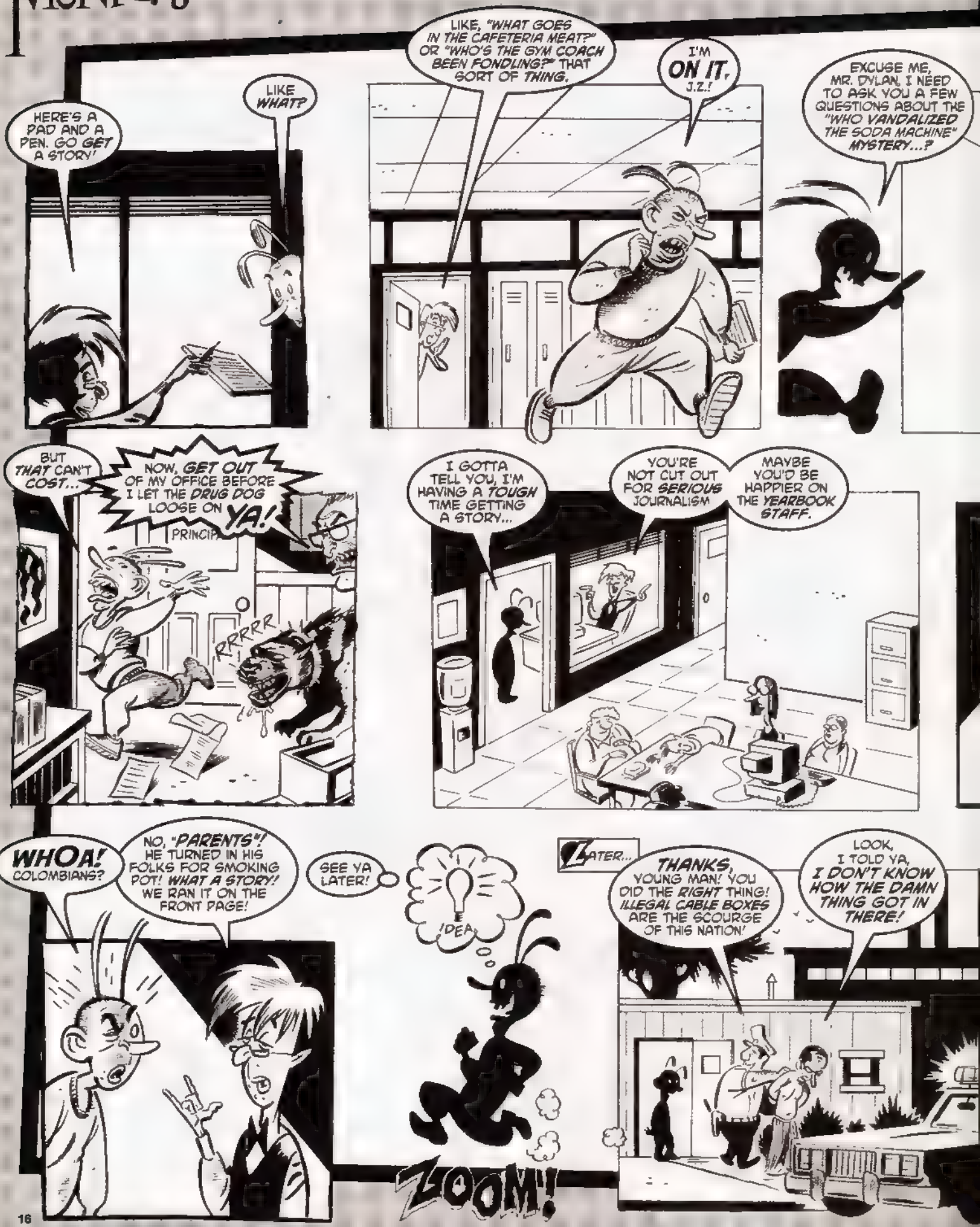
HEY, DEAN! YOU CAN KISS OUR ASS, 'CAUSE THIS IS FUN UNIVERSITY!
THESE COLLEGE GUYS ARE COOL!
HEY, DAD! I WAS JUST WATCHING F.U. ON THE ILLEGAL CABLE BOX, AND GUESS WHAT...?
THEY REPLAYED THAT SCENE OF YOUR MOM IN THE HOT TUB AGAIN?
HEY, WALTER, YOU'RE, LIKE, A "BOOK GEEK GUY". ARE YOU GONNA GO TO COLLEGE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL?
YOU BET I AM! I'M GOING TO WELLSLEY!
UM, ISN'T THAT AN ALL GIRLS SCHOOL?
YEP! I'M GONNA BREAK DOWN THE GENDER WALLS!
OKAY, WHATEVER. LISTEN, WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO GET INTO SCHOOL WHEN YOU DON'T HAVE ANY MONEY?
NO, LIKE LATIN CLUB OR THE SCHOOL PAPER --
SWEET! GOT IT! THANKS!
-- BUT IT TAKES A LOT OF TIME, ENERGY, HARD WORK AND...
...OH, HE'LL FIND OUT.
HI! I WANT TO SIGN UP FOR THE SCHOOL PAPER!

THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER

Ex-tree! Ex-tree! Read all about it!!! Hot off the presses, our little hero learns all about extra-curricular fun!

ARTIST: BILL WRAY WRITER: ANTHONY BARBIERI

WELL, YEAH, BUT THAT'S NOT WHAT I'M TALKIN' ABOUT! I'VE DECIDED I WANNA GO TO COLLEGE!
COLLEGE?! HA! I GOT FIFTY BUCKS SAYS YOU WON'T SURVIVE YOUR SOPHOMORE YEAR OF HIGH SCHOOL! BESIDES, THE WAY YOUR MOM'S BLEEDING ME DRY, I COULDN'T AFFORD TO SEND YOU TO DOG TRAINING SCHOOL.
WELL, I'M NOT GONNA LET ANYTHING STOP ME! I'M GOING SOMEWHERE COOL -- LIKE "FUN UNIVERSITY"!
FLUSH!
YOU EITHER HAVE TO GET GOOD GRADES OR BE A STAR LIKE JAMES VAN DER BEEK IN "VARSITY BLUES"!
MOBY in CONCERT
OKAY, THOSE CHOICES AREN'T GOING TO WORK.
WELL, IT NEVER HURTS TO HAVE A BUNCH OF EXTRA-CURRICULARS ON YOUR RECORD!
GAINES HIGH founded 1952
YOU MEAN LIKE "SHOPLIFTING"?
YOU HAVE TO SEE THE EDITOR, JOSH ZARKIN.
OKAY, WHERE'S HE?
YOU'RE LOOKING AT HIM! SO, YOU HAVE ANY NEWSPAPER EXPERIENCE?
I DELIVERED GRIT ONE SUMMER!
GOOD ENOUGH! WELCOME ABOARD!


HERE'S A PAD AND A PEN. GO GET A STORY!
LIKE WHAT?
LIKE, "WHAT GOES IN THE CAFETERIA MEAT?" OR "WHO'S THE GYM COACH BEEN FONDLING?" THAT SORT OF THING.
I'M ON IT, J.Z.!
EXCUSE ME, MR. DYLAN, I NEED TO ASK YOU A FEW QUESTIONS ABOUT THE "WHO VANDALIZED THE SODA MACHINE" MYSTERY...?
BUT THAT CAN'T COST...
NOW, GET OUT OF MY OFFICE BEFORE I LET THE DRUG DOG LOOSE ON YA!
PRINCIP
RRRRR
I GOTTA TELL YOU, I'M HAVING A TOUGH TIME GETTING A STORY...
YOU'RE NOT CUT OUT FOR SERIOUS JOURNALISM
MAYBE YOU'D BE HAPPIER ON THE YEARBOOK STAFF.
WHOA! COLOMBIANS?
NO, "PARENTS"! HE TURNED IN HIS FOLKS FOR SMOKING POT! WHAT A STORY! WE RAN IT ON THE FRONT PAGE!
SEE YA LATER!
IDEA
ZOOM!
LATER...
THANKS, YOUNG MAN! YOU DID THE RIGHT THING! ILLEGAL CABLE BOXES ARE THE SCOURGE OF THIS NATION!
LOOK, I TOLD YA, I DON'T KNOW HOW THE DAMN THING GOT IN THERE!

SURE, AND I NEED TO BE PUTTING MY BOOT UP YOUR ASS!
Enjoy Coke
KLANG! CLUNG KLUNK
RIGHT... UM, YEAH, THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT! NO STORY HERE! SEEYA!
SO, PRINCIPAL FLAHERTY, CAN YOU EXPLAIN WHY OUR SCHOOL BOOKS ARE DATED FROM THE EARLY SEVENTIES? WHERE'S THE MONEY GOING? IS THERE A COVER-UP?
LISTEN UP, YOU NOSY PARKER, THERE'S NO COVER-UP! IT ALL GOES TO GRAFFITI REMOVAL, METAL DETECTORS AND REPAIRING THE DAMN SODA MACHINE!
NO! NOT THOSE GEEKS! GIVE ME ONE MORE CHANCE! PLEASE!
WELL, YOU'D BETTER COME UP WITH SOMETHING, IF YOU WANT TO BE UP THERE WITH GUYS LIKE SCOOP LIPPMAN!
REPORTER of the YEAR
WHAT'S THE DEAL?
HE SINGLE-HANDEDLY BROKE UP A DRUG RING!
REPORTER of the YEAR
SCOOP LIPMAN
DAD, WOULD YOU CARE TO COMMENT FOR THE RECORD NOW THAT YOU WON'T HAVE FREE ILLEGAL CABLE ANYMORE?
THOSE PORNO MOVIES ON THE SPICE CHANNEL WERE ALL I HAD IN MY MISERABLE FRIGGIN' LIFE.
SOB
SOB
POLICE
WATCH YA GONNA DO WHEN THEY COME FOR YOU?
CAN I QUOTE YOU ON THAT...?
...DAD...?
VARROOM!
BILL WRAY

THE TRITE STUFF DEPT.

Lately it seems you can't turn on the news without hearing some horrible story about a building being bombed, a postal worker going "postal," a group of students shooting up a school. And every time there's a bloody rampage, we try and make sense of it all. Well, some people have succeeded! They've made sense of it – for them. And perhaps there is something we can learn from their wisdom. That something is "Move to Iceland!" But before you go, find out …

HOW VARIOUS PEOPLE WILL REACT TO

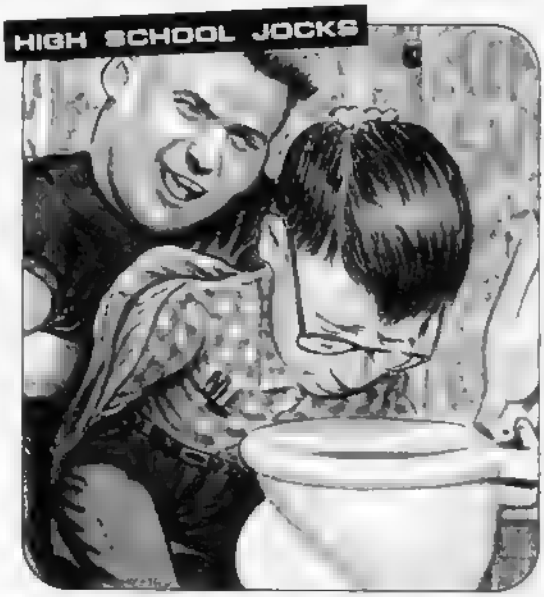
TELEVISION ANCHORS

Before asking the parents of a daughter whose face was shot off, "How did it feel to identify your only child at the morgue?" anchors will consult with a TV psychologist to see how asking them how they feel about their feelings will make them feel.

NEWSPAPER EDITORS

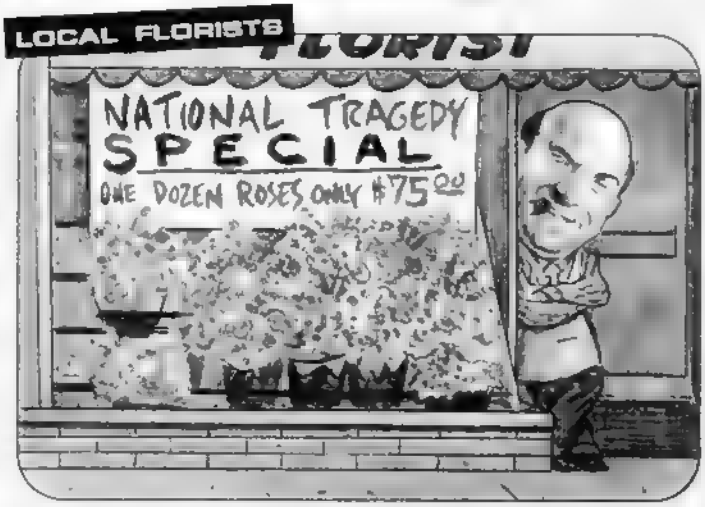
Will immediately publish their "We must take steps to prevent another tragedy like this from ever happening again" editorials again.

HIGH SCHOOL JOCKS



In an effort to improve strained relations with the nerdy sullen outcasts, will try not to use the toilets before shoving the geeks' heads inside and flushing.

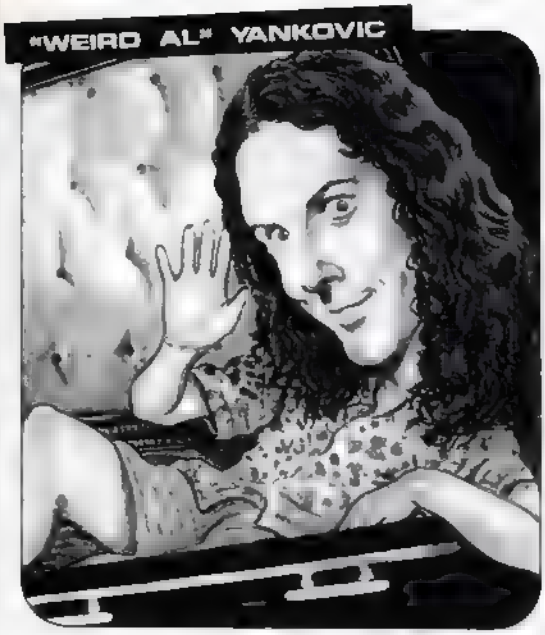
LOCAL FLORISTS



Will voluntarily agree to not greedily jack up prices 400% just because everyone within 150 miles feels compelled to buy a bouquet of flowers to leave on the sidewalk somewhere. (They'll only jack them up 200%.)

VIDEO GAME DESIGNERS

ARTIST: DREW FRIEDMAN WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN



Will show that it is possible to mix comedy and tragedy by releasing the moving tribute ballad, "Pretty Fly for a Dead Guy."

To show that he remains a dynamic problem-solver, will personally counter the threat that gun violence poses to America's children by symbolically biting his lip once for each victim.

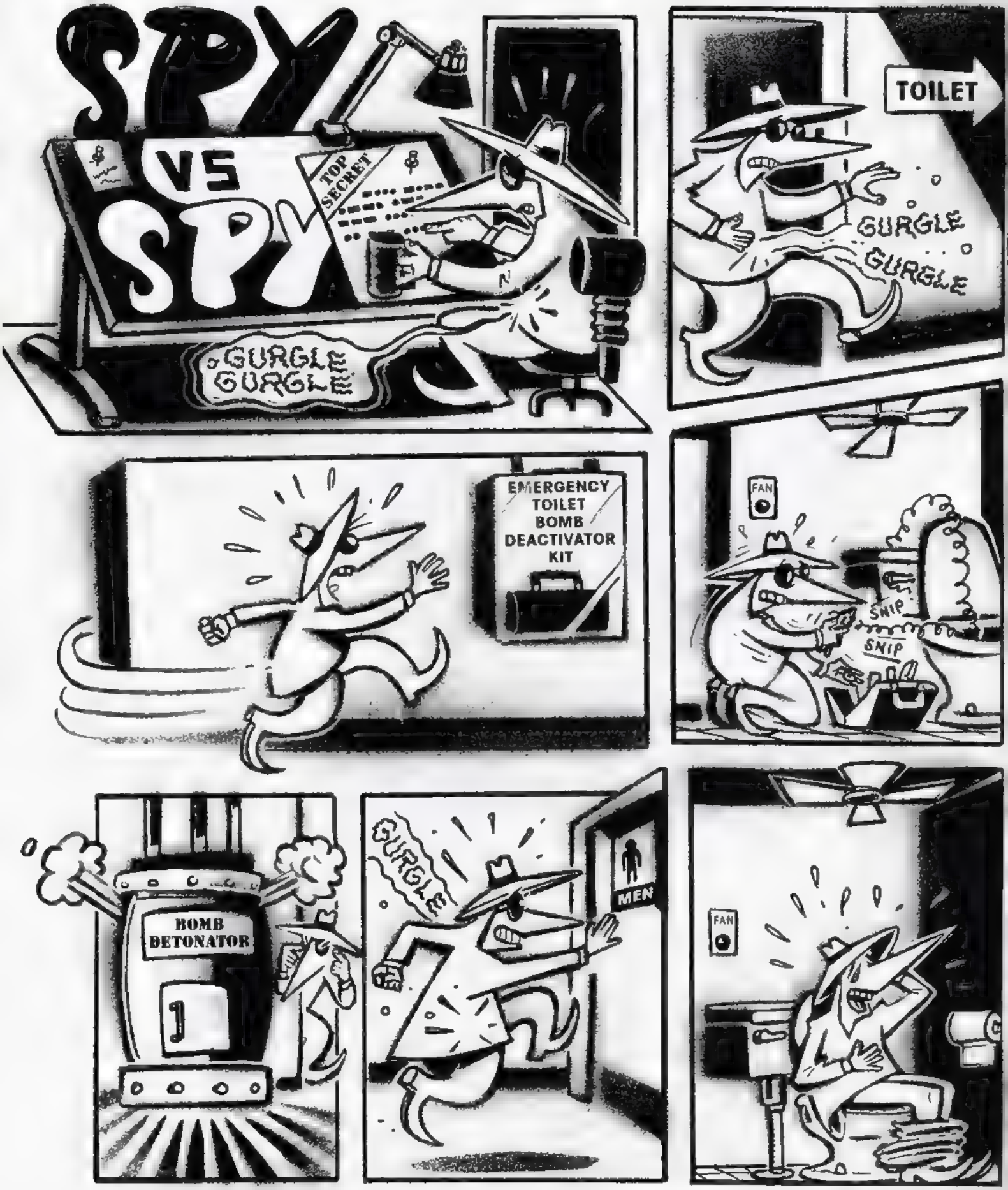
Because our Constitutional framers clearly intended for 400-round Uzi assault weapons to be readily available to any eight-year-old, they cannot agree to any plan that might slow gun sales. But as a conciliatory gesture, they will put little "Warning: Shooting Someone Through the Head May Be Hazardous to Their Health" stickers on all shoulder holsters.

THE NEXT RANDOM ACT

Will go on as many TV shows as they can to discuss how movies, music and videogames have numbed an entire generation of children to the effects of violence. However, they will not explain why these same emotionless automatons who've been brain-washed into having no feeling about violence all seem to be so upset by it.

Will educate their audience to the very real results of brutality by having a peppy lizard named "Evac" dance out to hose down all the brains and splatter between screens.

OF SENSELESS VIOLENCE



ARTIST: PETER KUPER WRITER: DUCK EDWING

MEN

GLIK!

PLUMBER

FAN

SPLOP

MEN

BOMB DETONAT

FAN

WRR

MEN

SHREP!!

PLUMBER

KUPFER

THE GUIDES MUST BE CRAZY DEPT.

MAD's Eight-Step Guide

Oh those hip, trendy, media-savvy emotionally unstable teens of the WB Network! Who doesn't aspire to be more like them? After all, if history has taught us anything, it's that nothing but good can come from mindlessly imitating the actions of whomever we see on TV! So, if you want to be the next Dawson, Buffy or Felicity, first, change your name to something really stupid-sounding and then bone up on...

1 During any argument with a prudish, super-religious grandmother, you MUST use the word "penis" at least five times for shock value.

2 Make sure to correctly ascertain whether your date is an *actual* vampire or just a "really yucky guy" BEFORE impaling him on a two-foot wooden stake.

5 When attending a somber occasion, such as a funeral, be thoughtful and show respect — wear a *below*-the-crotch-skin-tight mini-dress that reveals slightly less cleavage than usual.

6 When having an affair with a teacher, it is considered bad form to request a higher grade *in addition* to the sex.

ARTIST: RAY ALMA WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

for WB NETWORK Teen Wannabes

3 Out of courtesy for your fellow students, keep your noisemaking to a minimum when using the library stacks area for having sex.

4 Before inviting a pregnant teen or homeless person to stay with the family for the night, check to see how many siblings and/or parents are doing the same – to avoid overcrowding.

7 A simple apology is sufficient after totally messing up your twin sister's life by impersonating her – even if you do it every other week.

8 After losing an election for Student Council and/or Homecoming Queen, be a good sport — don't sic a flesh-eating zombie on the winner.

Bless us Father, for we have sinned... mainly, we bought this article! Save a special place in Hell for that blasphemer John Caldwell as he exposes...

When Nuns Go BAD

Prominently featured in *Playboy's* "Girls of the Novitiate" photo spread

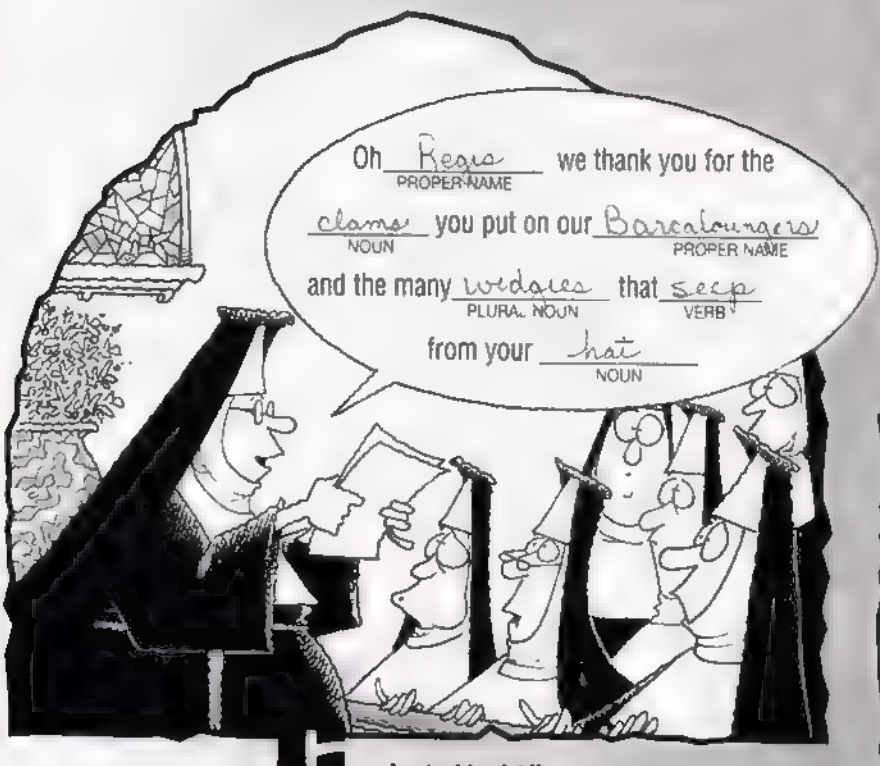
NOW, THIS IS ONE OF MY BIG SELLERS. IT'S CALLED HOOPER'S ENHANCED PORT. BETTER KNOWN ON THE STREET AS HOOP'S HIGH TEST OR GUTTER GRAPE. TO DEMONSTRATE I'D LIKE TO BRING UP ONE OF MY GOOD CUSTOMERS, SHUGGIE, WHO WILL PASS AMONG YOU TO COLLECT $3.95 FOR A PINT.....
LEO'S
LIQUORAMA
OLD DEAD CROW

Controversial class field trips

ARTIST AND WRITER: JOHN CALDWELL

Every Fourth of July it's the same thing: she shotguns a few cold ones at the church picnic, then tries to organize a wet habit contest

Mid-mass after diving



Conducts Mad-Lib vespers

MR. GUAGLIARDO PROMISED TO HAVE THE STORM WINDOWS UP BY THURSDAY... BUT THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN! DID IT?!?
MR. GUAGLIARDO IS A VERY BAD CUSTODIAN!

Mother Superior by day, but after dark, Mistress Superior

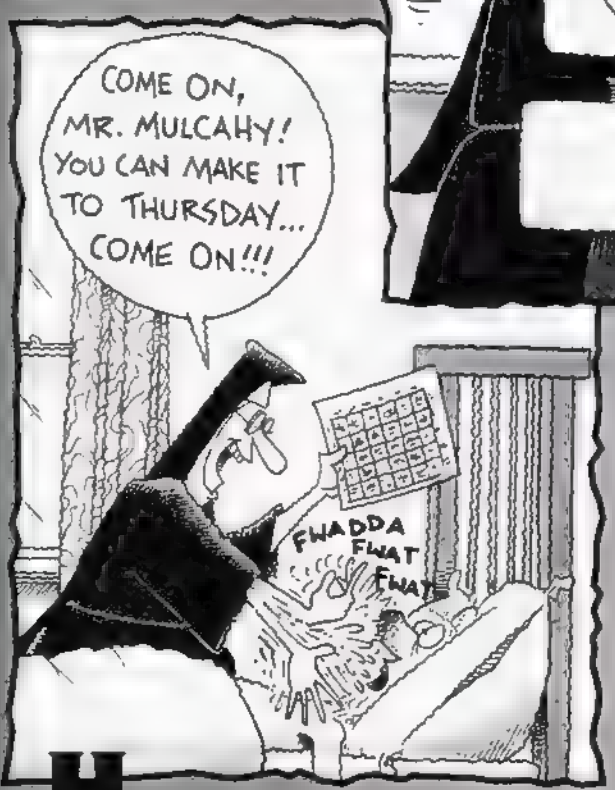
Third grade class spends the entire semester cranking out her own line of sneakers

When Nuns go BAD

Outwardly roots for Notre Dame but actually took the 3 points and bet Oklahoma

Devotes all free time to working for favorite charity, Chippendale's

Her annual "missionary" work with Native Americans always seems to coincide with mysterious poor box shortages



Hospital volunteer work just an excuse to run a $5 a square "Last Rites" pool

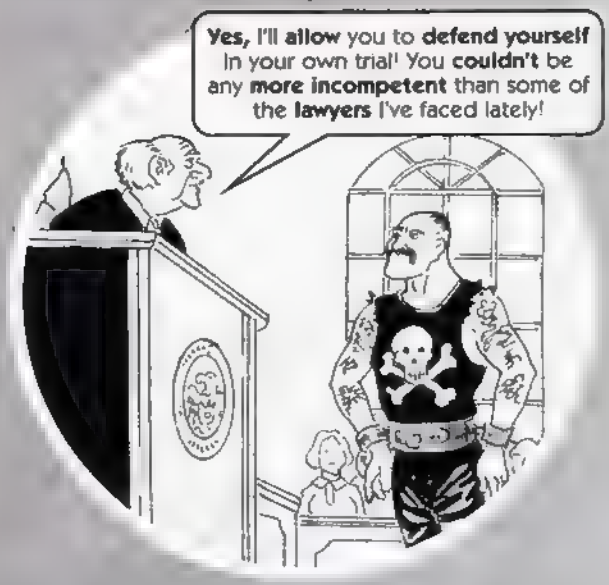
Uses quiet reflective time to hi-lite the hot scenes in the Old Testament

BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTER SIDE OF...

ARTIST AND WRITER: DAVE BERG

JUSTICE


Yes, I'll allow you to defend yourself in your own trial! You couldn't be any more incompetent than some of the lawyers I've faced lately!

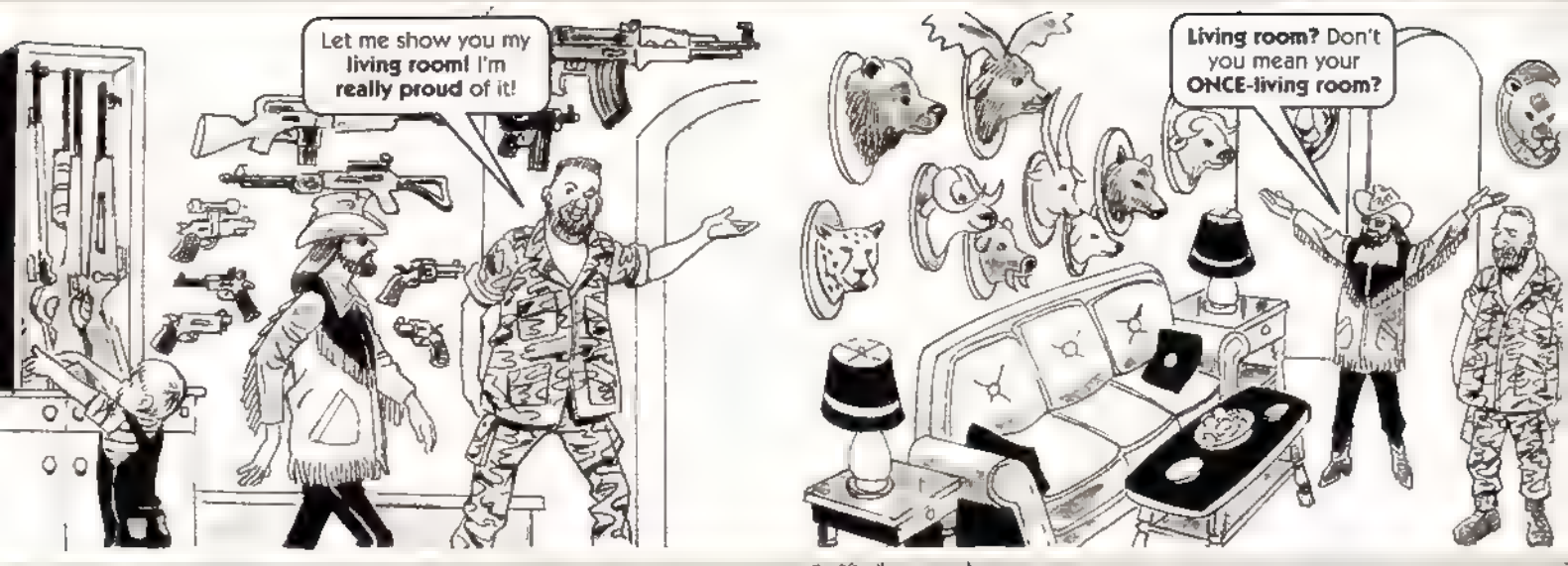
SPORTS

Since when are you a bowler, Milt? I thought you were into golf!
Golf was getting to be too expensive!
With bowling I don't lose as many balls!

PARENTING

Dad, I was wondering if...
Oh, hi, Todd! I'm reading an important article about the need for fathers to spend more quality time with their children!
So go out and play and don't bother me!

TROPHIES



THERAPY

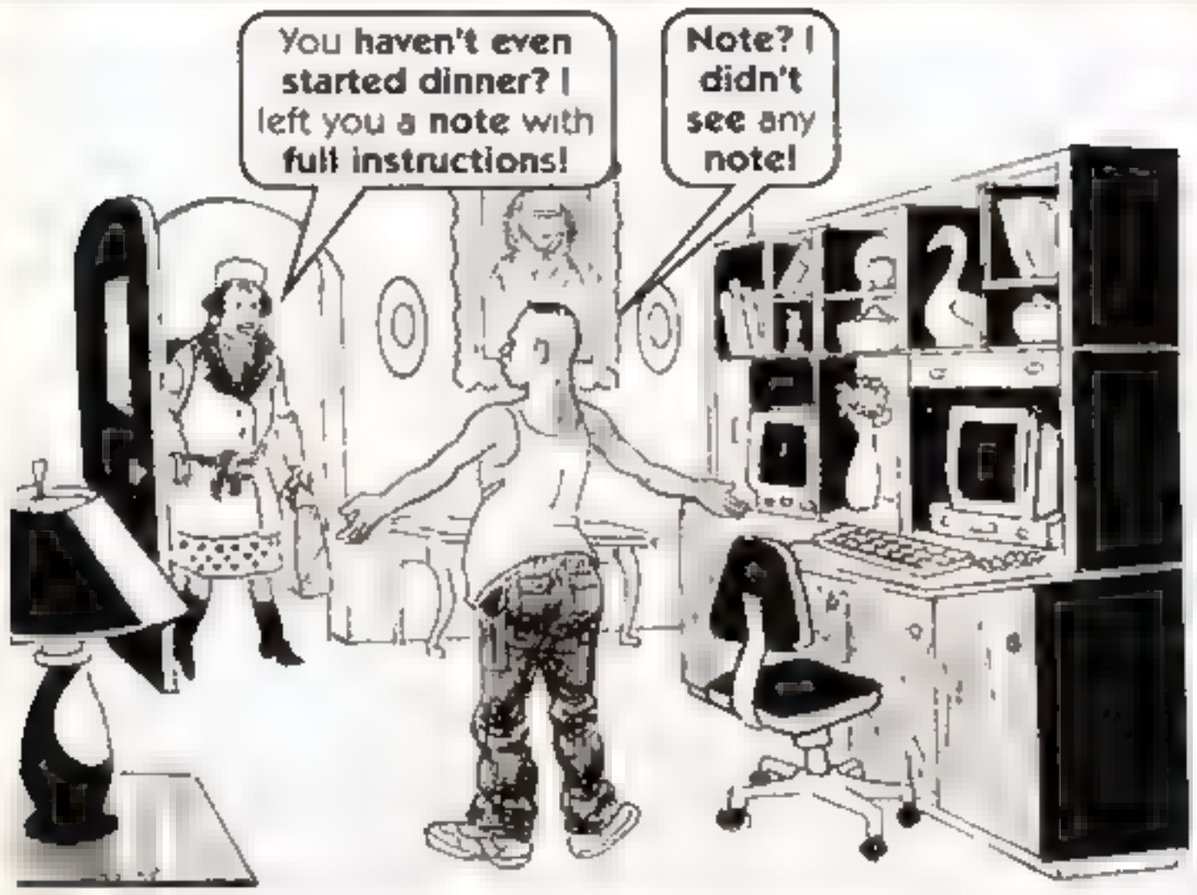
Dr. Forman, I think I'm the only **senior** in my class that's **still a virgin!**
You **consider** that a **problem?**
Yes, I can hear my **biological clock ticking away!**

GOOD NEWS

SAFETY

I don't think I was **driving so badly** considering I'm in the middle of a **Driver's Ed. lesson,** Officer!
So **where** is your **instructor?**
STUDENT DRIVER
Oh, he **jumped out** about a **mile back!**
YZK
YZK

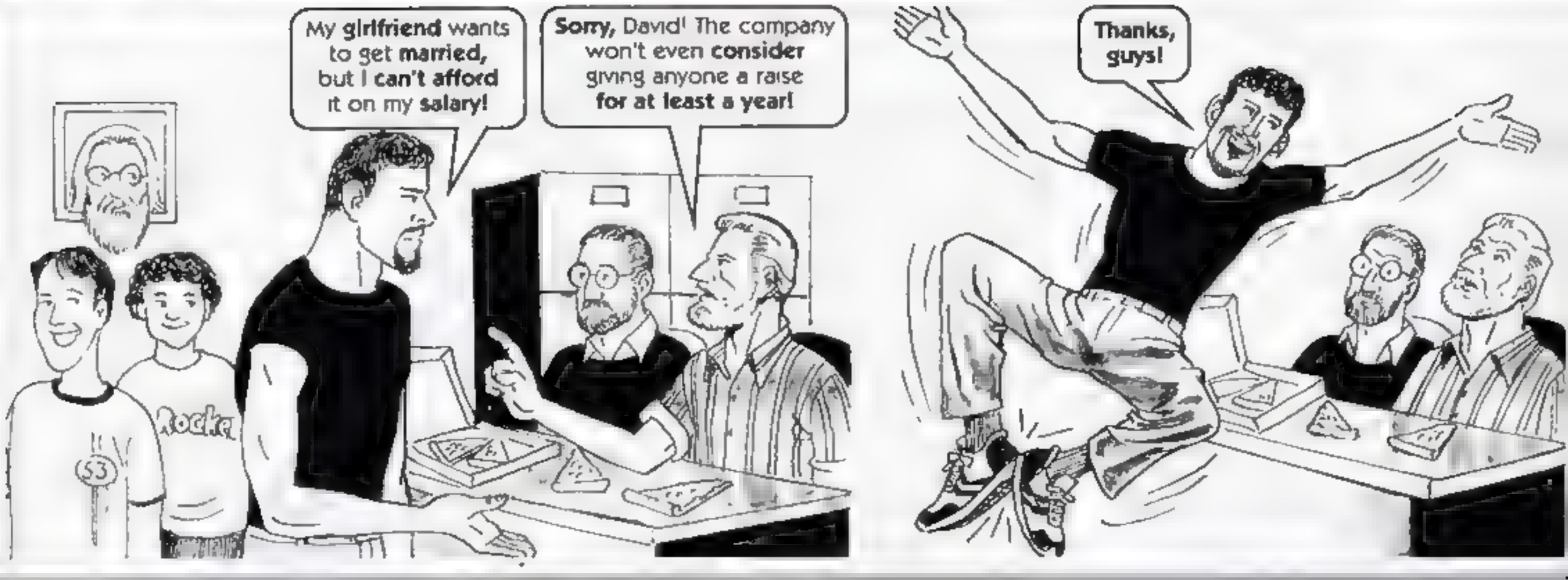
COMMUNICATION



FAST FOOD

PERSONALITY TRAITS

THE OFFICE


My girlfriend wants to get married, but I can't afford it on my salary!
Sorry, David! The company won't even consider giving anyone a raise for at least a year!
Thanks, guys!

BELIEFS

If Santa only comes down the chimney, I won't get any presents! We don't have a fireplace!
That's not a problem, Cathy!
He'll come down our thermostat!

DOCTORS

Don't be concerned, Kaputnik, your indigestion sounds exactly like what I'm suffering from! Here, try this medication and call me tomorrow to tell me if it worked or not!
Thanks a lot, Doctor! Is it something new?
Yes! If you don't show any bad side effects, I may try it for myself!

What do Boyzone, 'N Sync, C*Note, 5ive, 98° and Backstreet Boys have in common?

Well, actually, everything! These dancin' prancin' pin-up pop posses are 100% interchangeable!

Quick Quiz #1: Would anyone notice if Ben from 'N Sync replaced Alfredo from 5ive?

Quick Quiz #2: Does anyone know if there even IS an Alfredo in 5ive?

And Question #3 (the most important of all): How do YOU get in on this gravy train of cash?

Remember, there are hundreds of millions of squealing sixth-grade girls who love these hunks of the month (okay, and a few sixth-grade boys, but let's not get into that right now), and their baby-sitting money has to go somewhere — might as well be your pocket! So why not make a couple o'millon by letting MAD show you...

HOW TO BECOME A BIG-TIME BOY BAND PRODUCER!

ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN

LESSON 1
NAME THAT NAME

Each member of the band needs a short, punchy first name. Two syllables is sometimes okay, but one is much, much better. Remember the mental capacity of your audience.

Good Names include:

Mick	Lance
Hank	Chip
Ferry	Theo

Bad Names include:

Alouicious	Skeezix
Xerxes	Hieronymus
Chiang-Tse	Hecky
Lumpy	

It's always extra cool if two of the guys share the SAME name. Fans will differentiate them by a last initial, such as Rick T and Rick G. Plus, only having to remember four first names instead of five will ease the pressure on your fans' brains!

LESSON 2
DIVIDE AND CONQUER

Although boy bands have five guys apiece, there are many more than five different types of personalities to choose from. There are seven:

"TEEN DREAM"

"SASSY REBEL"

"QUIET SHRINKING VIOLET"

"DANGEROUS TROUBLEMAKER"

"MACHO MAN"

"OLDER BROTHER"

"DEWY-EYED YOUTH"

Whatever you do, don't select a boy with a personality that doesn't fit in. **"Psychotic Loner," "Flatulent Oktoberfester," "Illegal Immigrant" or "Triple Amputee"** may be fresher characters, but trust us, no 12-year-old girl is going to put their poster on her ceiling where it can leer down at her! Stick to the classic archetypes. Uniqueness kills.

No one boy should be the "star" of the group. Your band should look as if it's **just five cool guys hanging out,** with no one dude any cooler than the other four. That way, girl fans will see them as "approachable." But more importantly, if one of the pretty boys ever gets out of line, you can **pink-slip his replaceable ass.**

Another big advantage to breaking up the duties into five equal parts is that five singers only have to handle **one line at a time.** This lets you keep really **dumb guys** in the band even if they can't remember too many words at once, as long as they **look great in tight pants.**

LESSON 3
DEVELOPING YOUR REPERTOIRE

See if you can tell what these ACTUAL beefy-hopper song titles have in common:

- Tearin' Up My Heart.
- I'll Never Break Your Heart.
- True To Your Heart.
- Quit Playing Games with My Heart

Heyyy, good catch, Beethoven! Your soon-to-be fans are tremendously interested in cardiovascular love. Very, very few hit ballads have been written about lungs.

Look at the song titles on hit albums by BSB, 'N Sync, 5ive and the rest. It's Boy Band Law that each album has 12 song titles, and that these 12 titles must include **three "Heart"s, four "Love"s, two "Girl"s, two "All"s** and an **"Everybody"** or an **"Everything."** Whatever titles are left over should be **"We'll Be Together Forever,"** or **"Heaven is Forever,"** or **"Forever Together,"** or some syrupy slop like that. Be sure to throw in parentheses on at least one title to sound impressive.

Just fill in the middle with "yeah"s and "ooh"s and "ooh yeah"s. It's a little-noticed fact that there are only 50 or 60 words in all the lyrics on a boy band album, combined!

But whichever twelve songs YOU end up using, it's got to **come from the soul!** Tell the boys to close their eyes, imagine they're opening their hearts, squeeze out all the special feelings they have inside...and then **crank out whatever words written by music company hacks-for-hire** that you tell them to sing. Recording studios charge by the hour, you know!

(Everybody Knows)
I'm Together With My Forever Girl
(Don't Break My Heart Which
Is All Filled with All My Love
Forever (For You, Girl) When
We're Together in Heaven, Baby)
(Remix)

The single best title a boy band could ever have is this. A song with this title would top the charts for 6 months...except sadly, there is no possible singable melody.

LESSON 4
INTERCONTINENTAL CHAMPIONS

Before hitting big in the USA, top boy bands need to be huge in other countries. Why?

American teenage girls like to think of themselves as **complicated rebels**...before they go out and buy the exact same stuff everybody else has! The dopes who listen to this kind of junk need a clear signal that your music is what they want to hear. And goodness knows you can't count on how it sounds to accomplish that!

Play up the **"global smash" angle.** For instance, before they ever infected the U.S., the Backstreet Boys were big in Germany, and 'N Sync had early hits in England. Be sure to let America's young'uns know that the rest of the world just loves your boys to pieces.

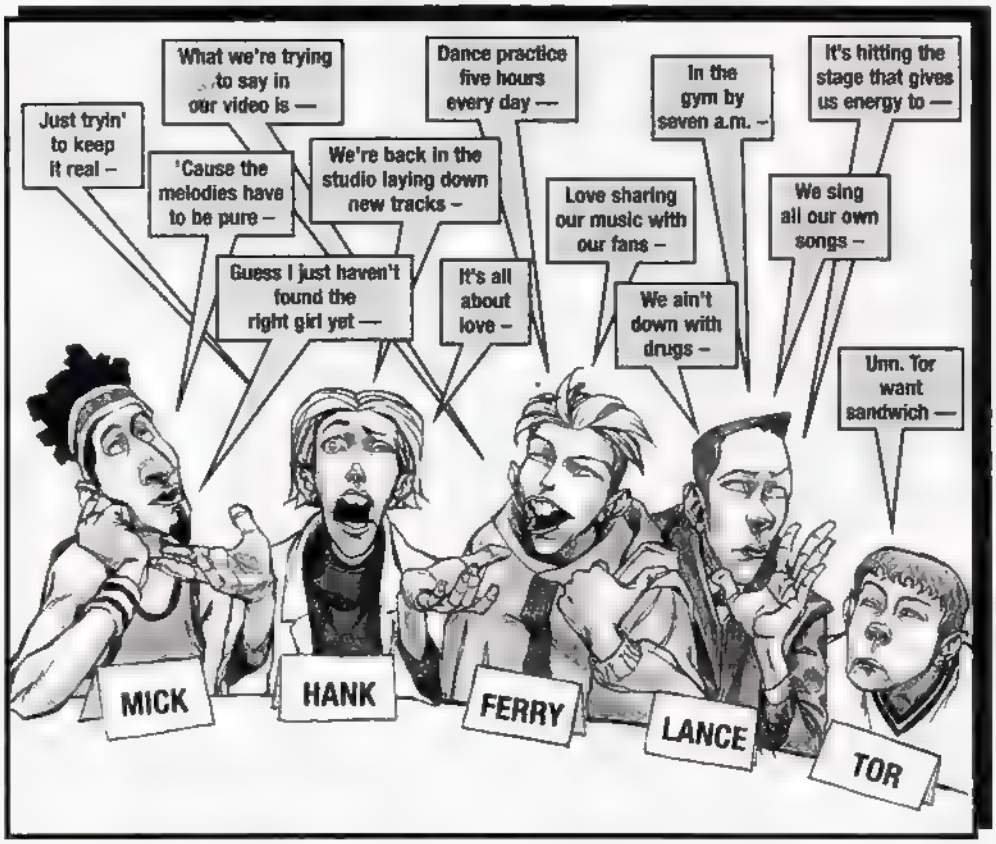
Unfortunately, the rest of the world probably doesn't give a camel's ass whether they live or die. So you'll have to **lie.** Claim that they're already top superstars in **Tonga, Equatorial Guinea, Azerbaijan, etc.** Or make up fake country names such as **"Middle Cannolia," "The Duchy of Beckles," "Costa Frascarr"** or **"The Republic of Gzxlttpwq."** By the time anyone exposes your fraud, your band will have already had its four hits and be done. Remember, in boy bands, it's here today, gone later today.

LESSON 5
THE PUBLICITY GAME

The key to any successful band is to promote, promote, PROMOTE! Sounds rough, right? Don't worry, you only need to know two basic strategies...

STRATEGY ONE

Continuously **talk over each other's sentences.** This causes such confusion that no one can be offended by any statement.


Just tryin' to keep it real –
What we're trying to say in our video is —
'Cause the melodies have to be pure –
We're back in the studio laying down new tracks –
Guess I just haven't found the right girl yet —
Dance practice five hours every day —
It's all about love –
Love sharing our music with our fans –
In the gym by seven a.m. –
We ain't down with drugs –
It's hitting the stage that gives us energy to —
We sing all our own songs –
Unn. Tor want sandwich —
MICK
HANK
FERRY
LANCE
TOR

STRATEGY TWO

While one singer discusses how "there's a lot more hard work to this job than most people realize," the other four should stare at him seriously while nodding, as if he's announcing the cure for AIDS.

Fans like to feel a **connection to their idols.** So only tell them what they want to hear! Even if your boy banders only use the computer to **download hot Asian porn,** they should say that they **love all the fan websites,** and even check in every so often. If one of the members has a **soundproof bedroom** so no one can hear his victims' cries for help, he should say that he just likes "spending a quiet night with that special someone." If he's so **whacked out on heroin** that he wakes up facedown in **crusty vomit,** he should say that his pet's name is Scooter, and that his favorite movie is *Titanic*

Of course, sometimes fans make that extra effort. For those exciting "up close and personal" stairwell encounters that last five minutes, it's always a classy, gentlemanly touch to tell the skank she's "special." Band members should claim that she's the inspiration for a song on the next album and the part where they go, "Yeah, yeah, woo yeah" is for her.

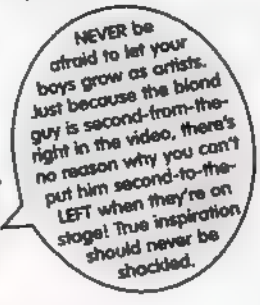
BONUS TIP:

LESSON 6
CAREFULLY NUDGE THE ENVELOPE

The critics gripe that boy bands are formulaic. But when you take five theoretically talented young men, put them in identical outfits, and drill them like army rats at West Point, the sparks have GOT to fly.

To fulfill one's potential as a performer, they gotta stay in touch with their **spontaneous side.** Exactly 43 minutes into your Friday night stage show, one member might yell, "Let me hear you scream, Miami!" But the next night, he should **feel totally free** to change this to "Let me hear you scream, Orlando!" At the 43-minute mark of course, let's not go completely nuts. But that sort of **freewheeling improvisation** is what makes or breaks a live performance

Speaking of which, **onstage banter** is a crucial way to interact with your young fan base. And the "grabbers" you shout in-between songs may decide whether your band is just a **flash in the pan,** or whether it can last the **whole eight months of superstardom.**



NEVER be afraid to let your boys grow as artists. Just because the blond guy is second-from-the-right in the video, there's no reason why you can't put him second-to-the-LEFT when they're on stage! True inspiration should never be shackled.

BONUS TIP:

"Who's here tonight to get down?"
GOOD
"Does anybody mind if I take off my shirt?"
BETTER
"Hey Fido, those braces make your pimply face even uglier!"
BAD

LESSON 7
IT'S THE STYLING GEL, STUPID

Directing music videos is easy, because there are only two types of shots. The ones showing all five guys dancing and posing, and the close-ups of each member pretending to feel emotion. Here's a handy guide to the poses you'll need to put in every one of your videos:

Squatting In A Deep Knee Bend
(AKA The "Taking A Dump In The Woods" Pose)

Holding Both Fists Up Next To Your Face While You Scrunch Up Your Face
(AKA The "Which Hand Has The M&M?")

All Five Boys In A Circle. Three Stand Still While The Other Two Switch Positions
(AKA The "Red Rover, Red Rover We Call Jordan Over" Pose)

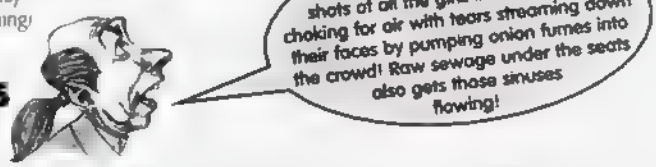
Straddling A Chair Backwards
(AKA The "So I Like Rubbing Against Chairs. Is That So Wrong?" Pose)

The "Leaning Over And Making A Face Into The Camera" Pose.
(NOTE: This one is great for conveying a totally wild sense of humor. After all, what could be funnier than getting too close to a camera lens? Har har! Priceless!)

The "Sadly Turned Away From The Camera" Pose
(NOTE: This one conveys tremendous emotional impact — and is great for when one of the boys has a juicy zit on one cheek the day of filming)

The "All Five Guys Looking Down At The Camera" Pose

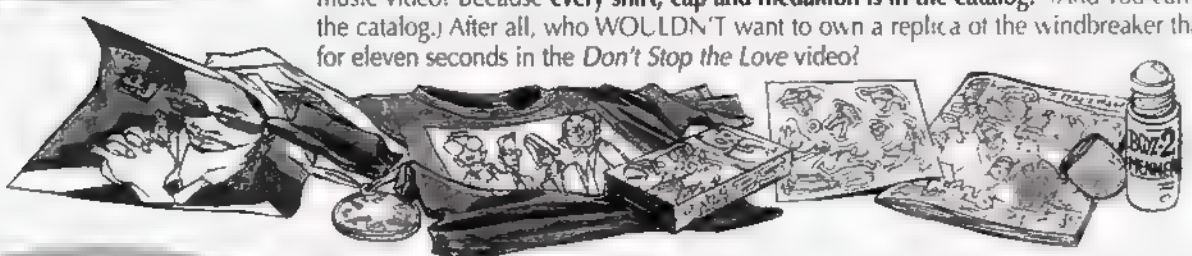
The "All Five Guys Looking Up At The Camera" Pose


BONUS TIP:
For your cheap concert videos, have several shots of all the girls in the audience choking for air with tears streaming down their faces by pumping onion fumes into the crowd! Raw sewage under the seats also gets those sinuses flowing!

LESSON 8
EVERYTHING IS FOR $ALE

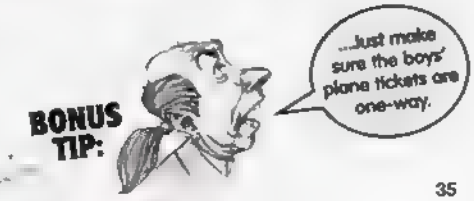
You know when boy bands appear on TV and say "it's all about the music"? That's a load of Backstreet Bullcrap! Most bands don't make squat on the music. It's all about the merchandising, baby! Your potential for sweet, sweet profit is limited only by your imagination and inconvenient sense of morality!

Posters! T-shirts! Videotapes! Stickers! Why do you think the boys make **sixteen clothes changes** per music video? Because **every shirt, cap and medallion is in the catalog!** (And you can charge $9.95 for the catalog.) After all, who WOULDN'T want to own a replica of the windbreaker that Howie wears for eleven seconds in the *Don't Stop the Love* video?



LESSON 9
IT'S SO HARD TO SAY GOODBYE TO YESTERDAY

And when the act goes sour, schedule a "concert tour" to a certain country with non-policed organ donor laws. You can get a lot more cash than you might suspect for five healthy livers and ten kidneys...



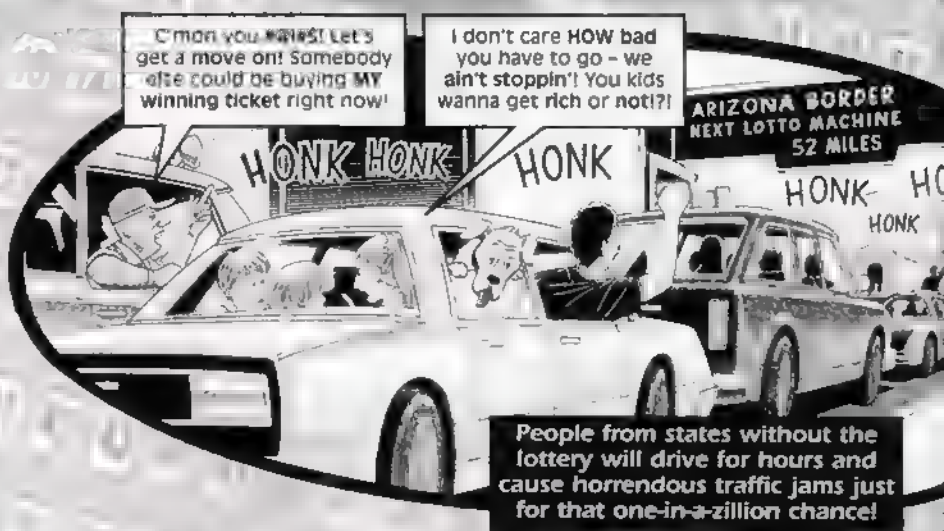
WHOLE LOTTO LOVE DEPT.

9 SIGNS LOTTERY

It goes like this: First, a state Lotto Jackpot begins to swell and Lotto Fever spreads among regular players like an STD at a Turkish bath! The jackpot grows, and soon, even members of the Dom Perignon set are trying to decide which combination of their children's birthdays are "lucky"! Finally, the media catch hold of the story and feed us the same lame-ass reports they did LAST TIME the jackpot went up! If your state sponsors a game of chance, then odds are you've seen each of the...

You hear roughly 2.7 "happy talk" jokes per newscast about how the senior anchorperson's salary is so huge, he doesn't need to play Powerball!

You're in a huge office pool whose members haven't figured out that their individual shares of the grand prize jackpot would amount to roughly $127 a year!


C'mon you ****s! Let's get a move on! Somebody else could be buying MY winning ticket right now!
I don't care HOW bad you have to go – we ain't stoppin'! You kids wanna get rich or not!?!
ARIZONA BORDER
NEXT LOTTO MACHINE
52 MILES
HONK-HONK-
HONK
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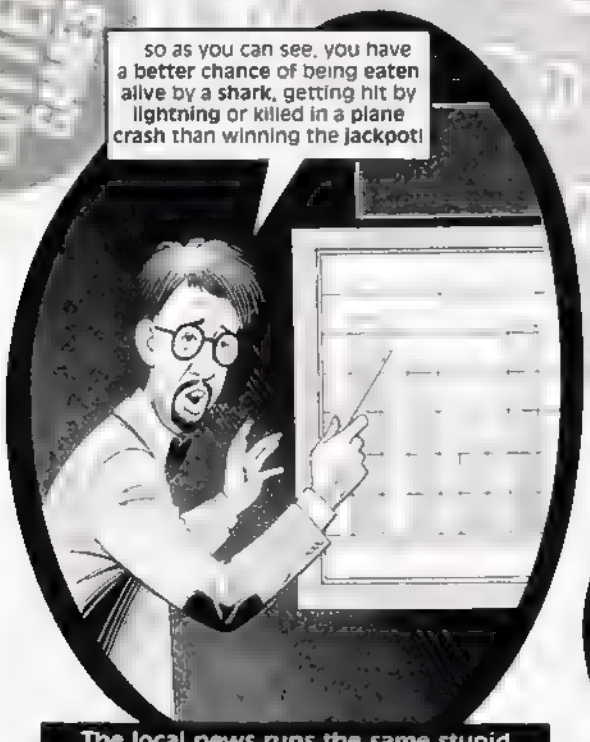
HONK

People from states without the lottery will drive for hours and cause horrendous traffic jams just for that one-in-a-zillion chance!


so as you can see, you have a better chance of being eaten alive by a shark, getting hit by lightning or killed in a plane crash than winning the jackpot!

The local news runs the same stupid interview with the same bonehead math professor with the same list of "10 things more likely than winning the lottery"!

Well, first off, you either win or you don't win – that's a 50% chance! Besides, I got a really good feeling about this drawing...so the way I figure it, I CAN'T lose!
LOTTO

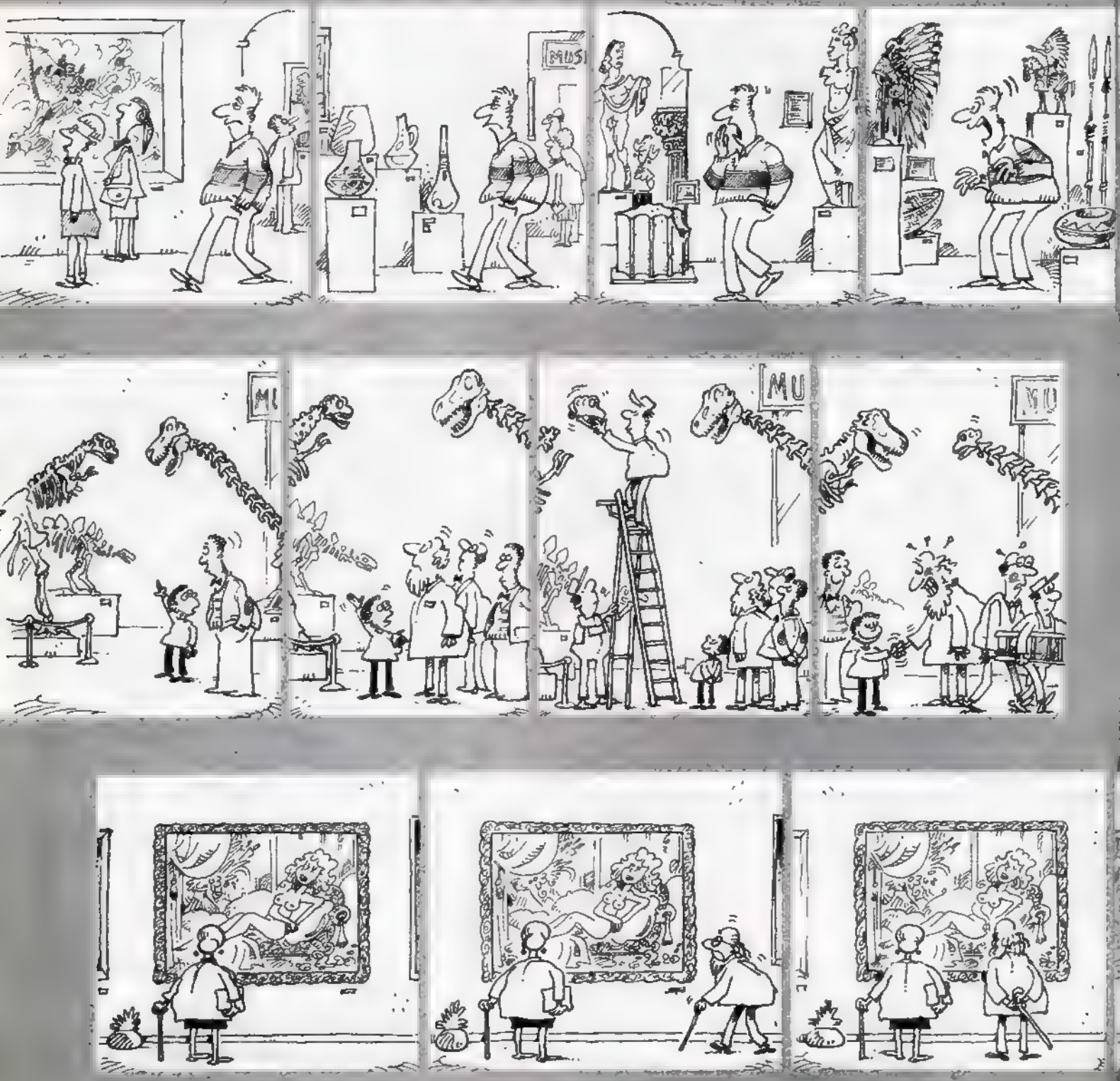
There's a dimwit standing in line with thousands of other deluded ticket buyers who calls his own personal chances of winning "pretty good!"

FEVER HAS SPREAD TO YOUR TOWN

ARTIST: RALPH REESE WRITER: MIKE SNIDER

more on the continued bombing in Iraq in a moment, but first, here's Tom Hilbink! Whoa, Tom, have you already won that Lotto jackpot?
Ha-ha! Not yet, Skip, but if I had, look at what I could get...!
There's a three-minute report by the oddball feature reporter detailing all you could buy if you actually won the lottery!
The last time I was in a Lotto line like this I got strep and was in bed for a week! But I was only three numbers off from winning! It was awesome!
LOTTO
Everywhere you go there's a brain-dead dweeb insisting that waiting in line for hours in the cold and rain is a fun experience!
I'm telling you, you get so much more in the long run with lump sum!
Dude, annual payments are much – hey, isn't that guy stealing your kid?
Whatever! This is important! I gotta decide whether to pick lump sum or not!
You can't help but overhear heated debates over the burning issue of lump sum vs. 20 yearly payments!
Oh sure that extra two or three million would come in handy, but give up my career? Never!
Dozens of players — all lying through their teeth — swear they'd keep the stupid job they have now if they won!

A MAD LOOK AT



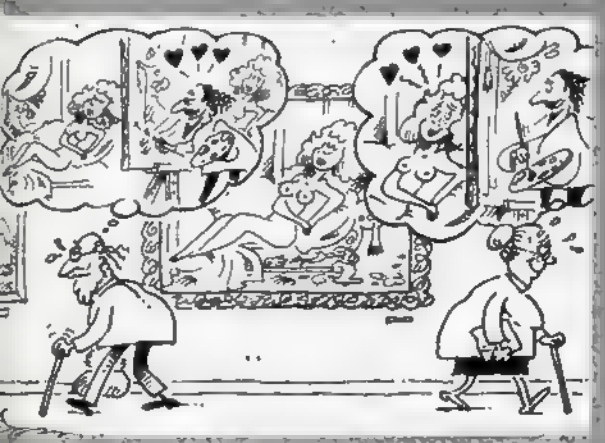
ARTIST AND WRITER: SERGIO ARAGONES

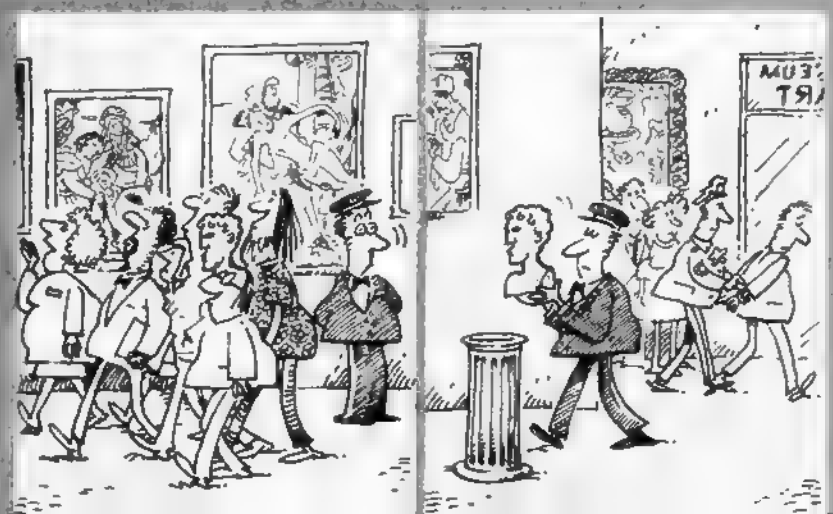
MUSEUMS

EGYPTIAN ROOM

GUARD ROOM

MUSEUM SHOP
RENT
ELECTRONIC GUIDE
IMPRESSIONIST SHOW
MODERN ABSTRACT SHOW





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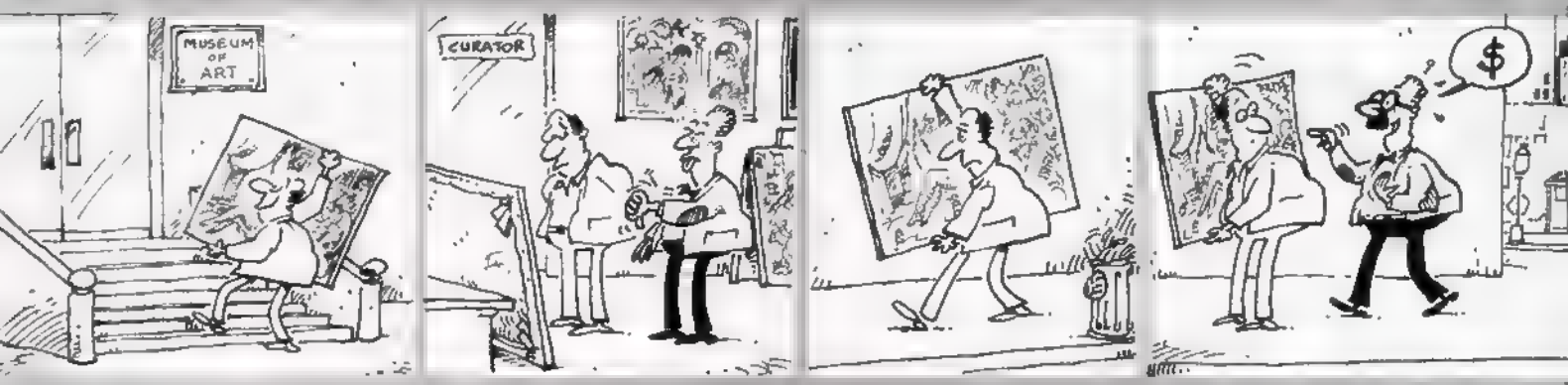
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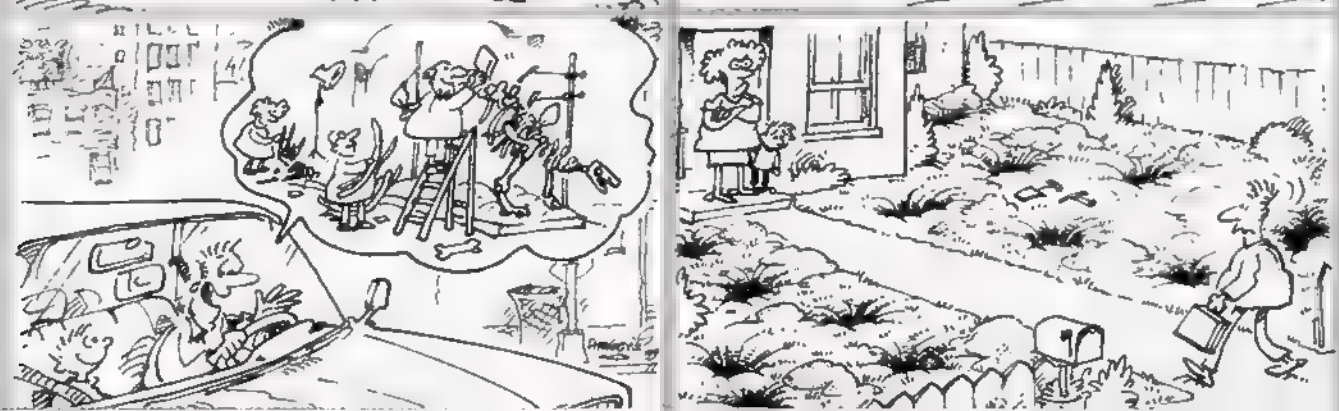


Hey kids, here's an exciting new game! Just read over the examples below and see how long it takes you to...

SPOT YOUR PARENTS!

This Issue...

HOW YOUR PARENTS REACTED WHEN YOU ASKED ABOUT SEX FOR THE FIRST TIME

OBVIOUS

Where do babies come from? From the womb! Duh!

EVASIVE

Gee, I've been waiting for you to ask that question, and I wondered how I would handle it! Oh well, I'm off to the hardware store! Bye!

MADDENESQUE

So the sperm cell enters the egg, and BOOM...!

BITTER

Why don't you go ask your no-good, philandering father or one of his bimbos!

MIXED-UP

You see, Billy, when a man loves a stork very, very much...

POOR EXAMPLE

I think this Michael Douglas movie should explain it all for you!

ARTIST: RICK TULKA WRITER: JEFF KRUSE

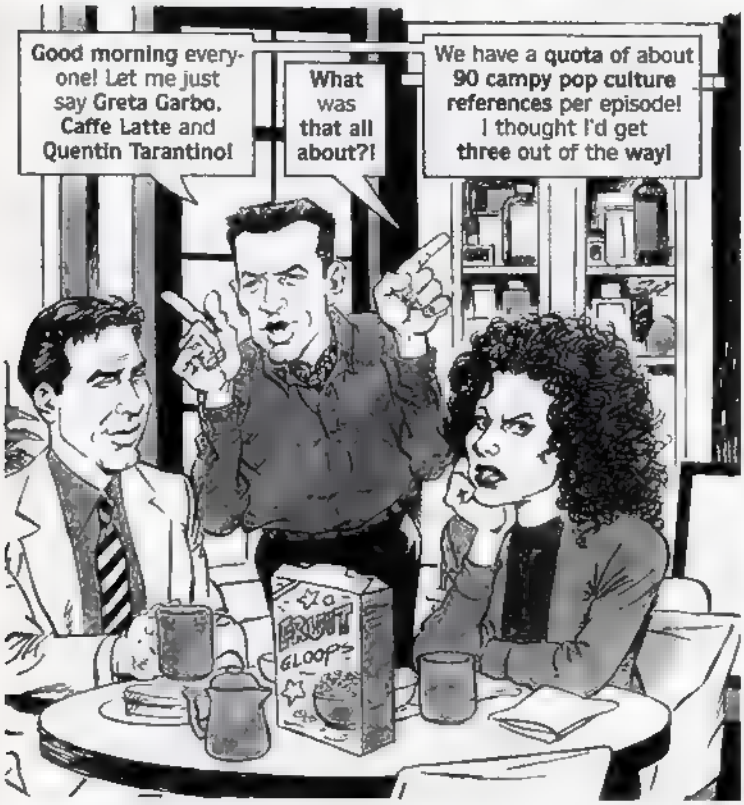
WHAT A DIFFERENCE A GAY MAKES DEPT.

When *Ellen* was cancelled in 1998, did you say to yourself, "Gee, I wish there were ANOTHER sitcom that's totally indistinguishable from all the other cookie-cutter half-hour comedies on the major networks except for the lone fact that it features a gay main character whose name is also in the title"? You did? Then your wish has been answered by...

I'm Wilt Trauma! Since so few people watch our show, we need to introduce ourselves! I'm bright, I'm fun, I'm charming! And I have something that makes me a social outcast in today's society...I'm a lawyer! Oh, I also happen to be gay! The phrase "legal briefs" comes up much too frequently in these episodes!
I'm Craze! I live with Wilt! We have this cozy little dysfunctional arrangement! I'm straight! He's gay! I've traded in sex and excitement for Merlot and witty little *Advocate* references! We have tons of mutual interests! We both watch *The View* on TV, we take the *Cosmo* quiz and we love to rent chick flicks – like *My Best Friend's Wedding*, the premise of which we borrowed from to create this series! Unfortunately, we only borrowed the premise and not the charm or humor!
I'm Crabbin! Craze's assistant at her design studio! A job similar in importance to being Andre Agassi's hair stylist! I'm incredibly wealthy! I don't have to work for a living but in this series I do! My character: an outspoken, crude, rude rich bitch! Sort of trailer trash with a trust fund! How do you like me so far? Who freakin' cares?! I have nails to do! Move on to the next dialogue balloon!
ALPHA ROMEO
ALPHA MALE
Hi! NBC's pre-show promo press release on this show was, "We neither hide nor make a special issue of the gay content." Really?! Then how do you explain ME!? I'm Shock! I'm gayer than a fruitcake in a Key West bakery during Bette Midler Festival Week! My likes: muffin baskets, group hugs, dancing the Salsa naked and men in Speedos! Duh! Wilt and I are just good friends! I haven't "been there, done him" but we do have our special song: "You Are The Wind Beneath My Pants"!
I'm Harrison Ford! I have nothing whatsoever to do with this show! I just thought some of you would like to see what a real man looks like!

Wilt & Craze

ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES WRITER: JOSH GORDON


Good morning everyone! Let me just say Greta Garbo, Caffe Latte and Quentin Tarantino!
What was that all about?!
We have a quota of about 90 campy pop culture references per episode! I thought I'd get three out of the way!
FRUIT GLOOPS

Shock, you seem to be in a good mood! How was your weekend?!
I met this new guy! Skin-tight shorts, combat boots, Banana Republic face! We went fishing!
Catch anything?
I hope not!

Blame it on the Bossa Nova!
I never thought I would see this!
A gay man dancing for no reason to an Eydie Gorme song?! You've got to be kidding!
No. I mean a gay man dancing badly!
Finally someone who dances worse than Drew Carey!

We've had complaints from the tenants about your little friend here!
Oh no, what did Shock do now?!
He brought a German Shepherd into the elevator!
Pets are allowed in this building!
This was a young man named Rolfe from Bavaria!
What's the fuss?! He was on a leash...with a delicious black leather studded collar, to be exact!

Shock is going to get us evicted! Why do we allow him to hang with us so much?!
I need him in my life! He's edgy, he's bitter and he owns every single Barry Manilow record!
I love this! It's the only show where we can build an episode at the ointment counter!
That's why this series is creating so much industry buzz!
Yeah! You don't find this on Walker, Texas Ranger!
MAX KORN
Ha! I've got two jacks!
Read 'em and weepie-weepie! Three queens!
Where?! I don't see three queens!
Meet Chad, Trent and Sean! Currently touring in La Cage aux Folles!
Wilt, we were going to have a nice, quiet supper! What is this?!
Shock's arranged a séance! They are contacting dead gay people!
We must have silence! We want to reach Rock Hudson, but I think we're getting Chris Rock instead!
He's not gay!
He's not dead!
Get him anyway! He's hot!
Shock is starting to drive me nuts! Does he have to stay here?!
You are so Bette Davis in every Warner's feature! He's just a wacky neighbor! Can't you put a positive spin on this?!
Positive spin?!
Think of him as a gay Kramer!
I would strongly advocate employee stock options instead of cash funding!
I have to be honest, Mr. Trauma! When I heard you were gay I had some doubts, but you did a brilliant job on this contract!
Thank you!
Except for clause three! You indicate the contract is legally binding only if the CEO opens each stockholder's meeting by singing The Village People's "YMCA"!

We just got a huge order from the Van Woodrow estate!
Excuse me while I greet that news with a yawn!
This makes no sense! You work for me, yet you come in late, you insult me, you don't answer phones! I don't get it!
That's your problem, honey! You haven't gotten it in months! If you got it you wouldn't be so damn cranky! Perhaps if you fixed your hair! It looks like an exploding yeast infection! You need a shampoo – Breck with Monistat!
Crabbin, it's been five months since I've had any sex!
Wow! Zit-faced McDonald's clerks get more than you! That's gotta change!
I have a plan!
Wilt, do you realize that I'm naked beneath my clothes?
Hmm! That's nice! Do you realize Tommy Tune is six feet two in flip flops?!
Don t I turn you on at all?!
Uh oh! Is this the plot we've seen a gazillion times where the woman tries to convert the gay guy?
Nonsense! Let's talk about it in the bathtub!
Does this do anything for you?
Nothing, nada, zilch!
Nothing?
It's about as exciting as the movie *Babe, Pig In The City!*
Feeling anything now?!
Yes! I'm feeling seasick!
♪ In the Navy!
Well! Suddenly it's *Up Periscope!*

What the heck is this? What now?
The big New Year's Eve Millennium bash! We're welcoming in the new century!
We're calling it...Y2Gay! The theme is: Come dressed as the Person of the Century! There's Charles Lindbergh and Eleanor Roosevelt! Recognize me?! I'm Susan B. Anthony!
Why didn't somebody tell me! I'm not dressed!
Don't touch your hair! You can say you're Albert Einstein!
CAPO DI TUTTI FRUTTI
That's it! I want Shock out now!
Craze! Why don't you tell me what this is really about!
Okay! When he's not around I'm a story catalyst! When he's here I'm wallpaper!
This is not working! I've gotta get out of here and connect with a traditional straight relationship!
You had one! It was called Ned & Stacy! It was cancelled!
FIRE ISLAND
So what?! I'll take my chances!
This is so Joan Crawford — the Early Years!
You are so Meg Ryan in every single Rob Reiner movie!
What does all that mean?!
It doesn't matter! It's hip, it's trendy and it saves our writing staff from thinking up an actual joke!
FIRE ISLAND
Congratulations! We got through this whole episode without one mention of you-know-who!
You mean... Ellen Degeneres?!
I didn't think you'd go there!
I told you we had to reach our quota of references! We just hit number 90!
TAXI

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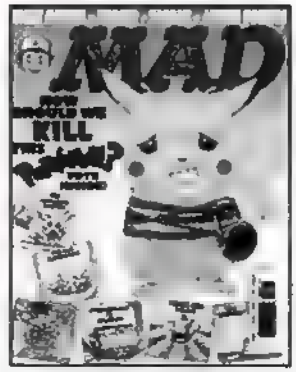
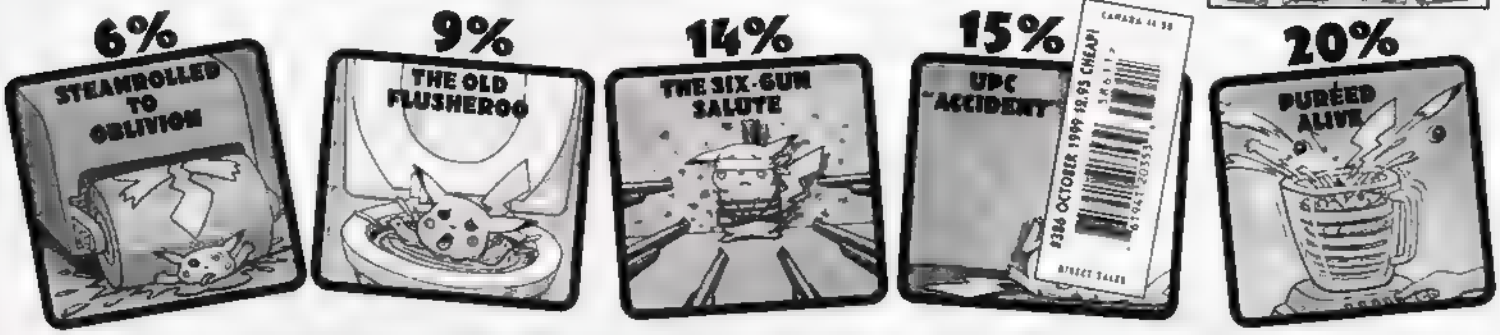


In MAD #386 we asked you, our extremely moronic (and sadistic!) readers, to choose one of six highly unpleasant methods by which the Pokémon pictured here was to meet its well-deserved demise. The response was disturbingly overwhelming! Nearly 30,000 of you voted, which, interestingly enough, is more people than are expected to participate in the upcoming Presidential election! And so, we are perversely pleased and honored to carry out your wishes for its execution!

THE EXECUTION OF PIKACHU POLL RESULTS



AND THE WINNER, WITH 36% OF THE VOTE, IS

THE DYNAMITE SCHTICK!

ARTIST: GARY HALLGREN

GRIEVING LAS VEGAS DEPT.

MAD's CELEBRITY CAUSE-OF-DEATH BETTING ODDS

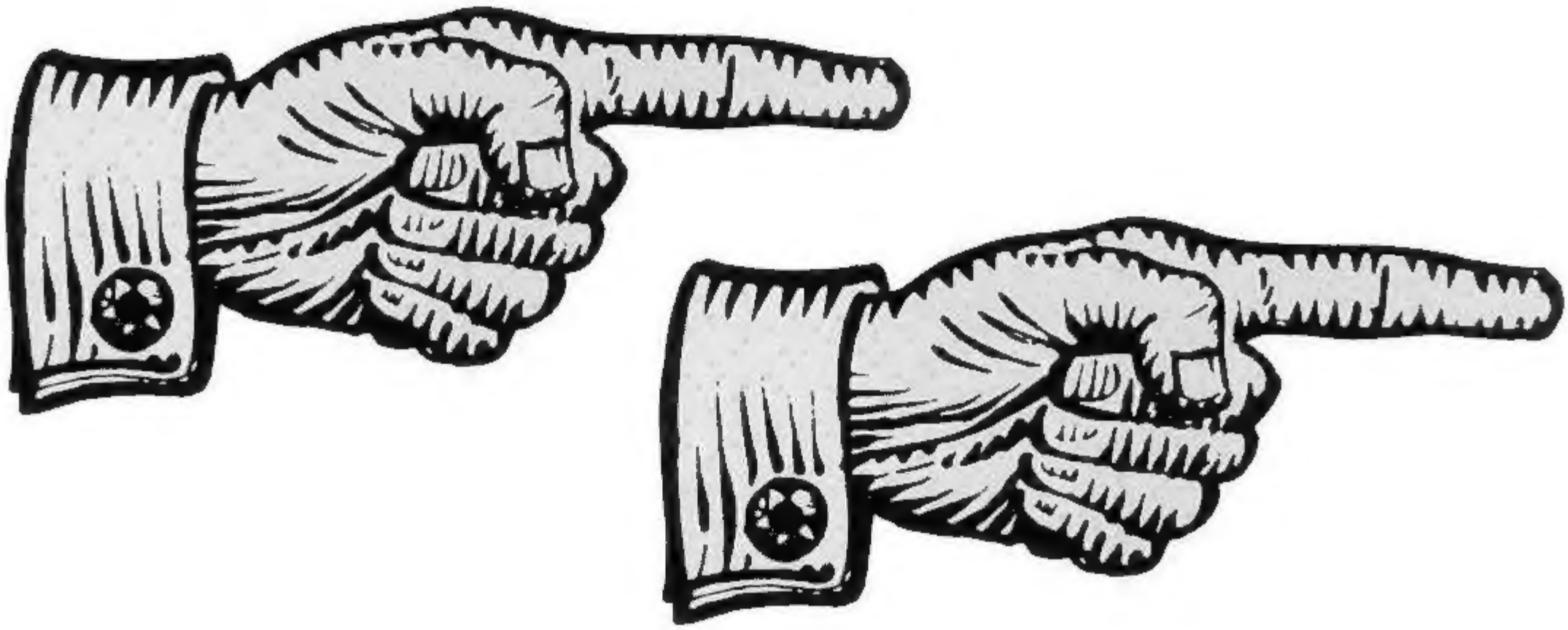
Our team of crack oddsmakers gives you the latest Vegas line on how one of today's biggest stars is going to be subpoenaed by the grim reaper!

THIS MONTH'S FUTURE STIFF SENTENCER:

JUDGE JUDY

CAUSE OF DEATH	ODDS
Ricocheting glass from mirror breaking as she walks by	1:1
Lung blowout from excessive "shushing" of witnesses	3:1
Pummeled to death by New Yorkers in subway for being TOO rude	5:1
Catastrophic nostril-flaring mishap	10:1
Slips and falls off stage while giving speech at Yale Law School on "Restoring Dignity to our Court System"	2,500:1
Sexually transmitted disease	35,400,000:1

ARTIST: HERMANN MEJIA WRITER: MIKE SNIDER



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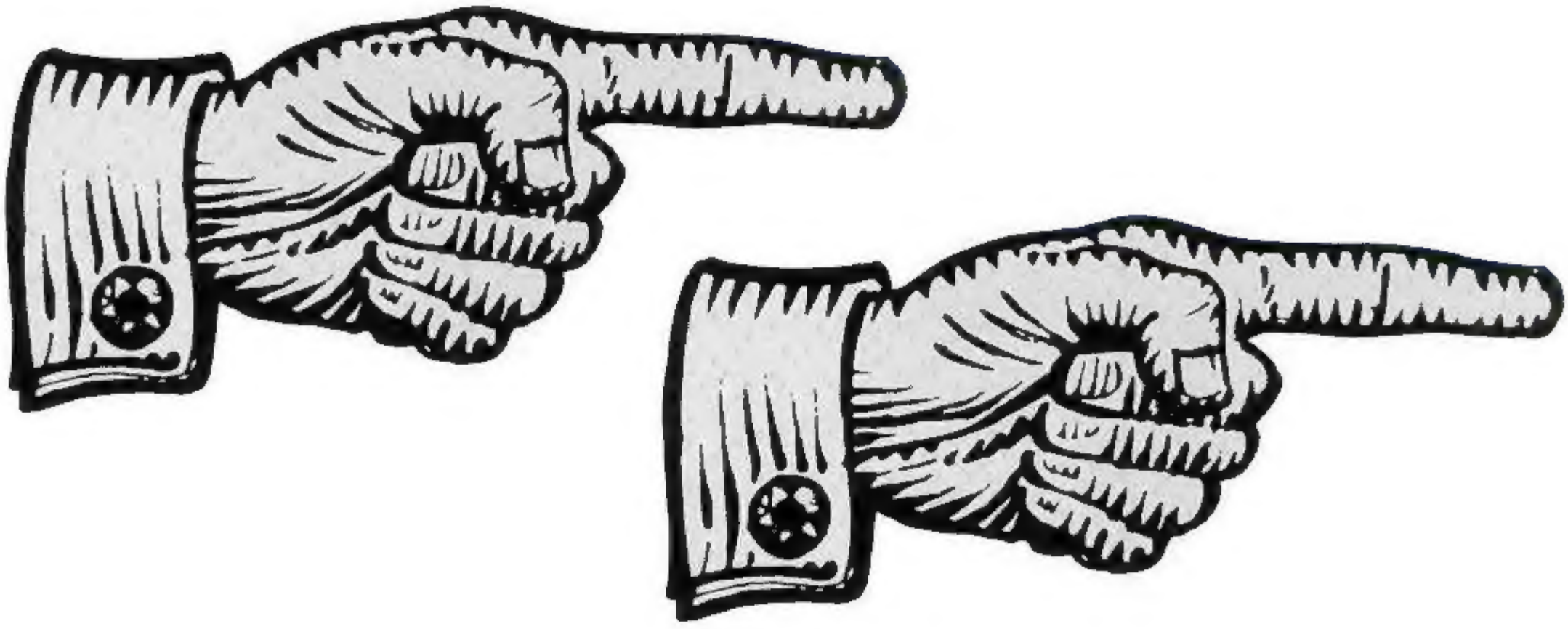

WHAT'S THE MOST OFFENSIVE THING YOU CAN SEE ON DISPLAY AT A MUSEUM?

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS

MAD FOLD-IN

There seems to be no limit to disgusting ideas in the art world. What is great art to some is truly offensive to others. To find out what a truly revolting example of this is, fold page in as shown.

FOLD PAGE OVER LIKE THIS!

A FOLD PAGE OVER LEFT B FOLD BACK SO THAT "A" MEETS "B"

FIRST FLOOR: "SHOCK ART" ★ ★ SECOND FLOOR:
MUSICAL DEVICES FOUND IN AN EGYPTIAN MAUSOLEUM
THIRD FLOOR:
CLOISTERED MONK'S ART THE CHURCH OPPOSED
PUBLIC NOTICE!
DUE TO CENTENNIAL CELEBRATIONS CORPORATE SPONSORSHIPS URGENTLY NEEDED. PLEASE APPLY AT DESK!

"PLEASE, MORE" BY IMA NYMPHO

"EXECUTED" BY WELL HUNNG

"DESECRATED MADONNA" By E. REVERENT

"ART SUPPLY" BY N.M. AH

NRA

"GLACIER PRESERVED DINOSAUR DUNG" BY OLE KRAPP

SCULPTURE MADE ENTIRELY FROM BOOGERS BY NASAL PROBE

"HOLY COW" BY UDDER DREKK

"LAWYER OF THE SEA" BY POUNDA FLESH

ARTIST AND WRITER: AL JAFFEE

A B

WHAT'S THE MOST OFFENSIVE THING YOU CAN SEE ON DISPLAY AT A MUSEUM?

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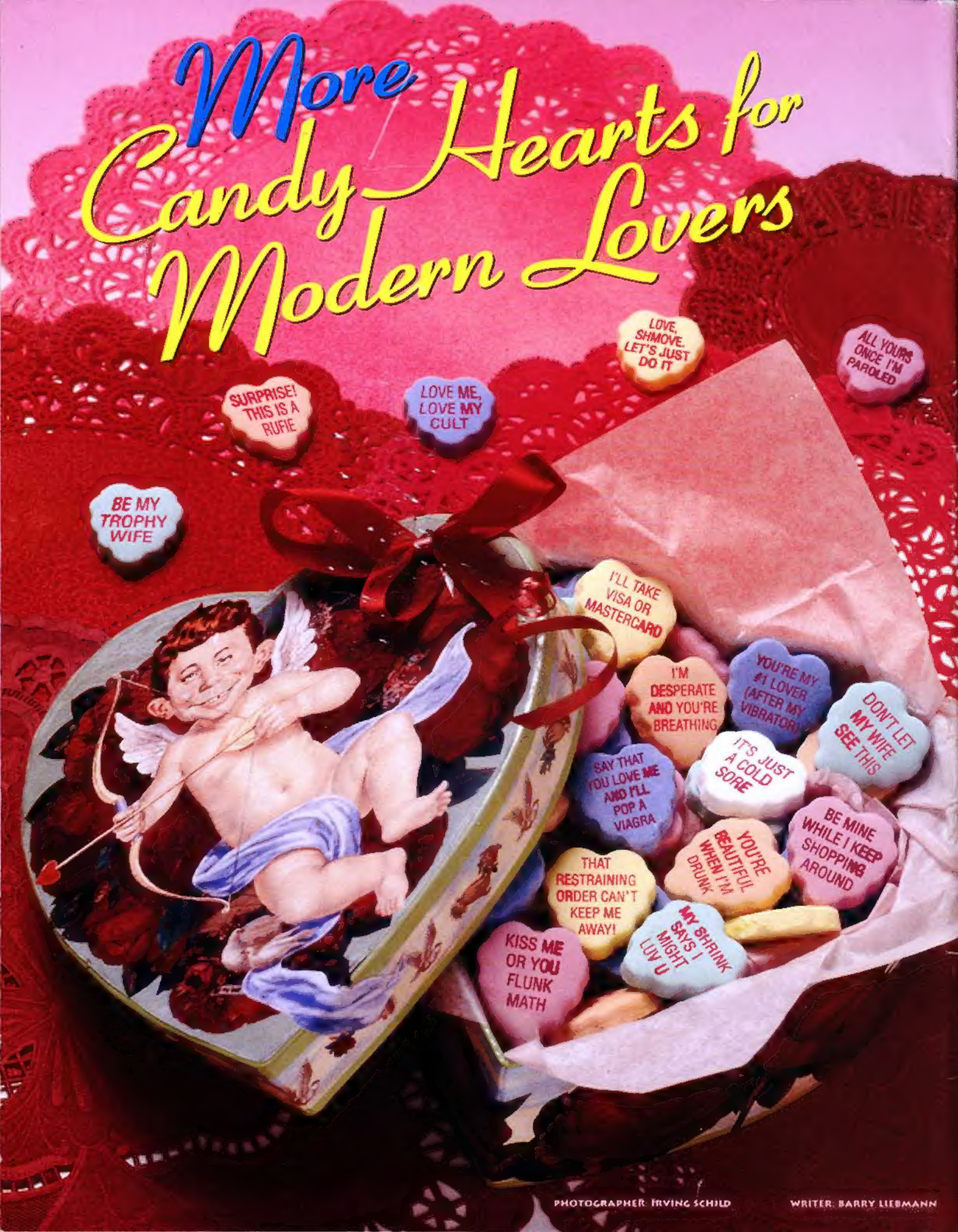
More Candy Hearts for Modern Lovers


LOVE, SHMOVE. LET'S JUST DO IT
ALL YOURS ONCE I'M PAROLED
SURPRISE! THIS IS A RUFIE
LOVE ME, LOVE MY CULT
BE MY TROPHY WIFE
I'LL TAKE VISA OR MASTERCARD
I'M DESPERATE AND YOU'RE BREATHING
YOU'RE MY #1 LOVER (AFTER MY VIBRATOR)
DON'T LET MY WIFE SEE THIS
SAY THAT YOU LOVE ME AND I'LL POP A VIAGRA
IT'S JUST A COLD SORE
BE MINE WHILE I KEEP SHOPPING AROUND
YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL WHEN I'M DRUNK
THAT RESTRAINING ORDER CAN'T KEEP ME AWAY!
MY SHRINK SAYS I MIGHT LUV U
KISS ME OR YOU FLUNK MATH

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